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College bids farewell to Dr. Norling *Noted Business Prof. passes away at 55*

By Deborah Mazanek
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Dr. Fred Norling was a unique individual and a great intellectual who was dedicated to his family, friends and the students and staff at the College.

Norling died on July 14, 2005 at the age of 55. He was a member of the College Community since 1988. He held three degrees: a B.A. from Denver University, a M.P.A. from Southern Methodist University and a Ph.D. from Yale University. He participated in the Peace Corps after college as a Vista volunteer. Based in Kansas City, Mo, he met and married his future wife, Susan.

Norling was busy in many facets of life at the College. His wife, Susan, was the International Programs Coordinator for the Study Abroad office. He was an Associate Professor of Business. In addition to teaching business courses, Management and Organizational



Dr. Norling was a beloved member of the Muhlenberg community.

Courtesy of Mike Bruckner

Behavior, he taught the first-year seminar of the Dana Associates Program, which is designed to enrich the academic experience of honors students and guide them towards being upstanding citizens.

After the Sept. 11th catastrophe, Norling participated in the writing of "Aftermath: Thinking after Sept. 11th-Occasional

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Princeton Review rates Theatre Dept. 18th in U.S.

By Robyn Morelli
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This year the College was rated 18th for Best College Theatre Program by *The Princeton Review* and the overall 73rd Best Liberal Arts College in America by the *US News & World Report*. The world of small liberal arts colleges is very big across the nation and while students are trying to pick out the best school for them, these colleges are likewise competing for the very best students. These

are the sorts of reviews that sound great on paper or from your high school guidance counselor, but do they really matter?

"People are obviously impacted by these magazines, but I think [the effect of them] really depends on who you are and how seriously you take such abstruse sources," says Ester Martin '09. "Word of mouth is still the best way to get information about what any particular school is really like."

These sorts of publications are more likely to list a generic blurb about what the school is like than an in-depth analysis of what's really going on on campus. *The Princeton Review* lists our school as one of the top 224 northeastern schools, something that may put the school on a potential students check list, but it is unlikely to sway his or her decision towards the school.

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New Cardboard Recycling Program

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Have you ever noticed those green cans in your room and wondered what they are for? No, they aren't for catching your roommate's projectile vomit on a Friday night. They aren't for housing your goldfish or beta fish either. Believe it or not, they serve a greater good.

These ubiquitous green cans are part of the cardboard recycling program, which was initiated in the fall of 2003 by Kim Nguyen '07. Shortly after move-in day, Nguyen noticed that the dumpsters behind Brown, in the West quad, were filled with cardboard, something that could easily be recycled.

Her desire to limit the amount of unnecessary refuse in the dumpsters inspired her to seek the help in getting a cardboard recycling program started. Initially, Nguyen sought the

help of Dick Begbie, the Assistant Director of Plant Operations and Aaron Bova, the Associate Director of Housing Services, in getting cardboard recycling containers in the dorms at the college.

Starting small, Nguyen sought to get cardboard and paper recycling bins on each floor of the three freshmen dorms on campus. These bins were monitored and maintained by Nguyen and other students interested in a "green" campus.

Despite their efforts, many students placed trash in the bins. This forced Nguyen and other environmentally minded students to sort through the bins in order to find what was recyclable. This was very frustrating; however, many members of the faculty at the college were inspired by the Center for Ethics' thematic program,

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Muhlenberg students take initiative in the new recycling program.

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Making changes for the better

When we think back to our first days of school, we always remember them as a time of optimism. It was a fresh start, and the possibilities were endless. While as college students we may be more cynical about the ways of the world, the excitement of the beginning of the school year still holds true. We, the Executive Board of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, have found that this desire for a fresh start applies to more than just ourselves. This desire is universal and for us it centers on creating an understanding, close-knit and cooperative Student Body.

This past Sunday we were involved in the Student Leader and Senior Staff Retreat with President Helm, his senior staff, the Student Council Executive Board, the student class presidents, *The Advocate* and the Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Councils. Though in past years these groups of people have been at odds with each other, at this meeting each leader shared their organization's decision-making process. In an effort so that student leaders could better understand the pressures that face our peers. With this better understanding, it is the hope of all who attended the meeting that we can work towards a common goal—improving the College and creating a Caring Community. In the past, it has been believed that the term "Caring College" was simply a marketing slogan. However, with the meeting this weekend, we believe that the College is finally making good on its label.

Stemming from this effort to improve the place that is our home nine months of the year, the College is also taking measures to help the citizens of Mississippi and Louisiana who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. President Helm announced that the College is looking to help students who would normally be studying in those ravaged areas by allowing them to take courses at the College. Not only will these students be able to continue their studies, but their home colleges will not suffer the loss of the tuition. Given these selfless efforts, the College is showing itself to be a place that is more interested in the person and not the bottom dollar.

Like this weekend's retreat, where people with differing philosophies were able to sit down and work together, we hope that the individuals, the organizations and the College Community can put aside the troubles caused by differing ideas to simply help the citizens affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Political apathy does not belong in the classroom

Dan McClung
Op/Ed Editor

Around this time last year, there was an election taking place. Both candidates came to Allentown, Pa. early in September (though one candidate's event was oddly "exclusive"); John F. Kerry and George W. Bush had their first presidential debate at the end of that month.

The College Democrats and College Republicans were engaged in scattered threatening banter, there were countless showings of *Fahrenheit 9/11* and chalked messages covered every inch of sidewalk in front of Seegers Union.

There were smear campaigns oozing with "Swift Boats" and Michael Moores and Jason Kleins. There were numbers from every television and every webpage, and FoxNews was having a delightful time spinning up a storm. And then, on Nov. 2, we got on those shuttle buses and pulled those levers.

And it ended. Voting fraud was pre-maturely pushed to the background, and America assumed its fate, for good or ill.

Despite the sore ideological fault line that now divides this country—in which President Bush succeeded in hastily digging out that which had been finally patched up after Vietnam—the campus is eerily silent when it comes to politics. The chalk is long gone, and if you make one

politically charged comment you're bound to get a nasty stare or a foul word. I find that if I ever attempt to voice some concern over the direction of the country, some hint of anguish, I am met with a clear hesitance or even a demand to steer clear of the subject altogether.

Even news networks, the emperors of "objectivity," have raced after Michael Jackson and Natalee Holloway, even as the death toll in Iraq climbs higher, gas hurts our pockets and not just the atmosphere, and our President goes on vacation—again.

Should we be content with this idleness? Is it alright to be sick and tired of saying what we have to say, of making our ideals known? Is it possible to be dormant and let others decide our fate and the fates of other countries?

I suppose we have grown tired of yelling and being yelled at. Perhaps some of us want everyone to shut up and live their lives, like we all used to back in the '90s. Perhaps some of us want to ignore it and let someone else do the talking. Perhaps some of us think that there is nothing we can do about any of it. Perhaps some of us just want to run away and pretend all of this isn't happening.

If that trend continues, a political change will only come around in the same way that switching to alternative energy sources will.

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9/11 tapes spark controversy over heroes and equipment

John Dunphy
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Nearly four years after the attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, the different video journal entries and radio transmissions from that fateful day have been released.

The tapes provide a much clearer sense of what was going on that day. Firefighters contacting one another, sounds of explosions and a multitude of prayers fill the logs. It is impossible to imagine what was going on in the minds of the brave men and women who risked and gave their lives for the citizens of America, but with these tapes, we can see a glimmer of what they felt and heard.

One entry tells the story

of a group of firefighters that were trying to save a man's life. The man was rather large and it took a variety of people to carry him to safety. As they were leaving, the ceiling began to collapse and the firefighters were forced to choose between their own lives and this one man. They chose to save themselves, but this action still does not make them anything short of heroes.

For many of the families that had loved ones lost in the attack, the tapes provided a sense of closure. Knowing that the person for whom they cared for died sacrificing his or her life, or just simply hearing his or her voice one more time provided a calm that they have not experienced.

Other families, however,

were outraged at the release, and who can blame them? It took years to get over this, one of the most hideous tragedies in America. Now they must not only relive it, but they are having thrust it upon them. Can anyone truly say that they have not been tested in every way, mentally, physically and spiritually by this ordeal? Why must we be subjected to it in a way that is demeaning?

It is important for us, as a nation, to review these tapes. However, there was no need for it to get the coverage that it did from the media. Each person accepts loss in their own way and to be forced to hear your son's or daughter's voice pleading for help on the ten o'clock news does not fall into my category of acceptance. The

fact of the matter is that tapes were released tastelessly and the way in which they were covered was quite simply atrocious.

With the anniversary of the attacks merely days away, it is important that we remember those that passed away in a respectful manner. Go online, find some of the readings and take a quiet moment of reflection to fully appreciate the severity of the reports. Do not allow yourself to be overcome with emotion. Read, respect and absorb. Take in the full affect without simply breaking down. It is important that we recognize what happened that day. As our society gravitates further and further from human contact, it is absolutely essential that we remember that there are still heroes out

there. If you feel that the term "hero" is too much, then think of them as decent human beings.

If you are at all moved by these reports, then make it a point to act in a manner becoming of such people. Live your life to its fullest and help others to do it as well. To ensure that technology is at its top grade, write to your local officials about how much money is sent to the different departments in your area.

These men and women were no different from you or me. They were average people who risked their lives for other average people. Have the decency to remember them in a manner that would bring honor to them without taking away any of the power of their action.

Finding common ground among race

One student's perception of racial differences in college setting

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

In honor of the social identity workshops, I decided, as a multiracial student who identifies more with her black heritage, to write about interracial friendships.

The College is not the most racially diverse college, and I feel that there is danger of implicit segregation between that small percentage of minority students—about seven percent—and the rest of the college.

For a minority, life in and out of class at the College is, both culturally and mentally, a different experience. People with ethnic backgrounds are able to bring real life experiences to subject matters of ethnicity discussed in a classroom setting; though by doing this, they become the spokesperson for their race and subsequent culture.

We are the first to be invited when there are performances and speakers that have to do with or are led by ethnic presenters, though if there is an obvious lack of participation people either think we're not being supportive or are trying to blend in with the white lifestyle.

We are asked to give recommendations to the College Community about measures that could be taken to secure our comfort. Racial sympathy is not just about changing the menu and hosting conversations. In an interracial relationship, small talk is infused by complex racial and cultural idiosyncrasies. How then is a close bond possible? On a superficial level, it is easy to define one another by our camaraderie. "Tell me what company thou keepst, and I'll tell thee what

thou art," wrote Miguel de Cervantes. Interracial friendship is both questioned and looked at twice by people inside and outside the relationship.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them," said Mother Teresa. Skin color both condemns and allows for any and all preferences. Being black is like being in a perpetual state of race, hypersensitivity to minority culture and counting the people with the same type of skin.

Life is unbearably vivid.

The root of racial and cultural prejudice can be traced to the mindset of "At the end of the day, because he/she is a different color than me, I won't be able to understand and deal with his/her distress."

I'm reminded of a conversation I had with one of my white friends about her feeling uneasy with the strained race-related misunderstandings that had been taking place on this campus.

We sat in the grass crying helplessly because we knew that in the end our skin color did make a difference.

It might have been the fact that my movements on the dance floor are more rhythmic than hers, or she didn't understand what it is like to be a minority. Sharing pain is a better way to relate. Deep emotional anguish is part of what makes us human, and only when we began to open up did I understand her and not her societal identity.

There will always be temptation to cling to familiarity throughout our lives. I believe it is okay to first react to divergence with fear; it is nothing if not completely inherent and natural. Though it is important to remember everyone can deal with an uncomfortable situation similarly.

In the words of Walt Whitman, "Always a knit of identity.... always distinction.... always a breed of life." This quote suggests two opposing ideas, for how can each person's subjective experience of life change their emotions from sympathy to empathy?

We should not be "separate but equal" anymore. With our natures we are all capable of personality which creates a drawing board for our commonalities.

2005/2006 Student Ethnicities						
First-year Students						
White/other						538
Black/African	7					
Asian	11					
Latino	21					
Native American	1					
	100	200	300	400	500	600
Day-Time Students						
White/other						1,990
Black/African	33					
Asian	47					
Latino	67					
Native American	4					
	350	700	1,050	1,400	1,750	2,100
Data provided by the Office of Multicultural Life						

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Something will only happen when a catastrophe disturbs ordinary day-to-day life, like when the earth's oil is spent. Only then do people realize what they have been pushing aside. But such things have already occurred. We are in the midst of a war for which the president and his in-crowd have still been unable to justify. Nearly 1,900 American soldiers (Iraq Coalition Casualty Count) have been killed in the process so far.

Thousands have died, and are still dying, in New Orleans, La., and the current administration simply dips down in Air Force One for a few minutes to survey from afar and assert that there is "work to do" (CNN.com). The reality is that our resources are instead spent elsewhere dropping bombs in a foreign country. I suppose that this country has now fully adopted the practice of ignoring imminent catastrophe as long as there's money to be made

and rich friends to look out for.

Individuals may agree or disagree, nod or turn foul at my discontents; yet, ultimately, those words are there and people can test themselves, or learn and answer back. Regardless, it gets people thinking instead of lying back in this concocted upper-class shangri-la of America without looking around and seeing what goes on in front of them. There is desperation, corruption, violence, greed and hate under all of our noses. We must seek them out and debate them.

So I say, what better time for discourse? There are things to be discussed, things to fight against and to fight for. Particularly within an academic environment, lack of dialogue can only lead to ideological stagnancy. We don't truly know what we believe until we test what we think we do, toss it around; only when we can articulate those beliefs can we change anything, leave things unchanged, or pioneer something new altogether.

Whether you're just coming in, or getting ready to head out, we'd love to hear your opinion, and so would everyone else... ok, maybe not everyone else... I mean, not the ones that don't like you.

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Weekly Discourse: Cindy Sheehan, Right or Wrong

Should one woman speak for all families with loved ones at war?

Karly Hutchinson
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Ever been the recipient of a graded paper, whose margins are cluttered with arrows and statements pointing out "this first point is contradicted by a later statement?" Or, been asked by the red writing utensil "what exactly is meant by this phrase?" Following up arguments with viable, non-contradicting evidence and utilizing that evidence to draw conclusions is a goal all argumentative essayists strive to attain. It is a format taught in grade school, reinforced in high school, and demanded in college. It is also the very format Cindy Sheehan chose to abstain from when embarking on her anti-war, Bush-bashing campaign.

Each and every one of us have contradicted ourselves at some point in the past. Whether that resulted from pure ignorance or further reflection

"At what point did Cindy Sheehan decide that the President was a nonchalant party thrower for grieving families...?"

is unique to the individual. However, when dealing with politics and the media, doing or saying one thing and then switching your position entirely is a "no-no" that should only result in discredit. I use the word should reservedly because in the case of Cindy Sheehan, her political gainsaying has been decidedly overlooked by liberal supporters, activists and major media representatives.

Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, son of Cindy and Pat Sheehan, was a soldier killed in Iraq in Apr. 2004. As a result, the Sheehan family and other grieving families were invited to meet with the President at Fort Lewis, Wash. Cindy and her husband, lifelong liberals, having previously stated that "we haven't been happy with the way the war has been handled" [is this attributed to the reporter?] decided to leave politics out of their discourse with the President, "deferring to how they believed Casey would have wanted them to act" (*The Reporter*, June, 2004).

During reflections of the meeting with the President, both Pat and Cindy Sheehan were quoted as saying "we have a lot of respect for the office of the President, and I have a new respect for him because he was sincere and he didn't have to take the time to meet with us," and "I now know he's sincere about wanting freedom for the Iraqis and he's sorry and feels some pain for our loss" (*The Reporter*, June, 2004).

Subsequent to this meeting the contradictions I discussed above

were revealed. During the weekend of Aug. 7, 2005, Cindy Sheehan reflected on her meeting with the President negatively, saying to CNN reporters "every time we tried talking about Casey and how much we missed him, he would change the subject. He acted like it was a party." With the hope of having her new message heard, Cindy Sheehan "has vowed to camp out near President Bush's Texas ranch until the President capitulates to her demand for a second meeting" (Duke, 2005). From what I can gather, Cindy wishes to speak with the President about her son and the uselessness of the U.S. occupation of Iraq, the latter, of which I am going to go out on a limb to say, the President has heard more than enough.

My question lies here.

At what point did Cindy Sheehan decide that the President was a nonchalant party thrower for grieving families versus the understanding, spiritual leader she herself previously described?

Also, she bit her political tongue at the first meeting with the President supposedly due to her belief that her fallen hero son would have wanted her to do so. Therefore, at what point did she decide to turn her respectful silence for her son's valor into a verbal outrage, insulting the Commander-in-Chief, and those who support him, including the soldiers in Iraq?

In writing this article, I feel at a disadvantage, for it is easy to sound heartless when complaining about a woman who some see only as a mother grieving for her loss. What Cindy Sheehan experienced is tragic, and my sympathy goes out to all families and friends who have lost a loved one due to the War on Terror. However, there are other more meaningful ways of converting grief into something productive. Sally Goodrich, a name unknown to most, lost her son in the World Trade Center attacks of 9/11. In response to her loss, Ms. Goodrich funded the building of a 16-classroom school in Afghanistan.

In conclusion, I am of the opinion that Cindy Sheehan is lost and confused, perhaps due to the death of her son, and has made the decision to stand at the forefront and be the voice of anti-war America. The more news media attention she receives, the more invalid her fight and cause becomes, due to the inherent contradiction above. I am of the same opinion of many who observe her in saying that her cup of political diatribe is undeniably empty.

Julie Strasser
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The war in Iraq has been a significant part of this nation's consciousness since Mar. 2003, when American troops entered that country in order to squash the "imminent threat" (www.tompaine.com) that Saddam Hussein posed to America.

This past August, however, the war in Iraq took a decidedly more domestic turn as things heated up on American soil because of Cindy Sheehan, whose son, Casey Sheehan, an Army Specialist, was killed in Iraq. Sheehan is now a vehement anti-war protestor and, as has been largely reported, set up camp outside President Bush's Crawford, Tex. ranch while he was on vacation, demanding answers as to why the troops were over in Iraq and pleading with Bush to bring our troops home.

As the sister of a US Army captain in the First Cavalry Division (which, coincidentally, is the same division as Sheehan's son), who is due to be deployed to Iraq sometime next year, this debate is one in which I take particular interest. I find it questionable and telling that Bush refuses to meet with Sheehan to answer her questions and respond to her refutations regarding the war. If his reasoning behind the war is solid, why is he so reluctant to meet with Sheehan?

His hesitation to answer questions by a citizen of this country as to why her son died in Iraq makes it seem that even he realizes his claims as to the so-called legitimacy of the war in Iraq will not satisfy someone who is not predisposed to jump on his bandwagon.

Through her pain over the death of her son Casey, Sheehan is working to show the American public that too many deaths have already occurred in a war which has so many spins, little international support and failed intelligence.

She is obviously not alone in this sentiment. I highly doubt people would spend weeks away from work and their families to stand outside Bush's ranch in the hot Texas sun. As stated in an Aug. 13 article from *The Washington Post*, the fact that no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq, that the Bush administration talked of invading Iraq before Sept. 11, 2001, that Saddam Hussein and Iraq actually had no connection to Osama bin Laden and that there have been many conflicting reports about the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq have all served to galvanize Sheehan into action.

Through her work, Sheehan is becoming a sort of beacon of support for troops in Iraq. She is reminding the public of the need for all of us to support the troops, because they are the ones who are bearing the brunt of the suffering that has come with Bush's preemptive strike.

Indeed, the most important kind of support we can give the troops is to try to bring them home. We can't afford to keep losing Americans (or people of any nationality) in this senseless conflict which could possibly last for decades.

It is this particular viewpoint of Sheehan's which I most support and am most eager to have recognized by all. It is possible to be against the war and wholeheartedly support the troops.

With one of my family members prepared to fight in this war, it does not matter whether or not I support the cause, because I support him and others like him. My hope is that Cindy Sheehan's bravery as an anti-war protestor will serve as an impetus and more people will ask the President "how many more of our loved ones need to die in this senseless war?" (www.washingtonpost.com).

My hope is that our troops will come home before my brother leaves for his tour of duty.

"Indeed, the most important kind of support we can give the troops is to try to bring them home."

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New faces brought to campus

By Amy Steinbauer
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The start of the academic year brings many changes to the College Community.

Besides the obvious construction around Seegers, there are many new additions of both faculty and staff that will construct a new experience here.

The college is an ideal choice for many professors because of the close relations between faculty, staff and the overall sense of the "Caring College" mentality.

This is especially true for Dr. Hartley Lachter, a new professor of Religion and Director of Judaic Studies.

"Muhlenberg seems to be a friendly place and my wife and daughter [Jessica, Zoë] feel very welcome

here," he said.

Lachter spent time in Manhattan, NY doing graduate work so the College is obviously a change of pace for him.

Many other departments are also welcoming new faculty members, such as Communication and Psychology.

Some have big shoes to fill, but they have gone through intensive interviews before being admitted as a faculty member of the College.

According to the Muhlenberg website, the Provost, Marjorie Hass, is in charge of advertising any open positions and recruiting potential professors to the College.

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Papers of the Center for Ethics and Leadership." Norling's article was titled "Systematics of Al-Qaeda."

Just last spring he was the faculty speaker at the Apr. 17 Honors Convocation, at which time he informed the audience about a time capsule he hid in the walls of Ettinger while it was being built.

Another popular topic of Dr. Norling's was his infamous car theory. According to Dr. Arthur Raymond, Head of the Business Department, Norling believed that "The quality of a person is shown in the maintenance of his car."

Dr. Holmes Miller, Business Professor shares this recollection in saying that "a car's lubrication was in some aspect a metaphor for the way a person's life was running." Dr. Miller found a friend and great conversationalist in Dr. Norling. "He knew a little about everything and was always interested in you and your interests," said Miller.

"A man of the highest ethical standards," said a friend and colleague, Dr. James N. Marshall, Economics Professor. They

would cycle across Maryland, and that is where Marshall says Norling was "in his element." Norling loved the camping aspect and had been cycling on and off since he was young. He was full of stamina and endurance. Their friendship was cemented about ten years ago, when, according to Marshall, Norling provided him with infinite support during a self-study program at the College.

Evidentially, Norling was not all work and no play. He had a humorous side as well and was not afraid to show it.

Four years ago, there were many emails being distributed by persons looking for rather unnecessary items.

Professor Norling followed these up with a request for a lost cheese sandwich.

He asked that if anybody had found it, to please contact him immediately. A combination of joviality and strong ethics will make Norling's legacy last at the College.

"Dr. Norling held an incredible presence here at the college. The party didn't really start until Fred was in the room," said Marshall. "He was a kind soul who was genuinely interested and wanted to help, always searching for new history to share and new tasks to complete."

"He knew a little about everything and was always interested in you and your interests."

--Dr. Holmes Miller
Business Professor

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"Sustainable Communities: Balancing Economy, Ecology, and Justice" to make the campus more environmentally aware.

Out of this desire, the President's Campus Greening Committee was formed. It is comprised of

staff members, faculty and students whose goals are, "to create an expanded and improved outdoor/indoor campus recycling infrastructure designed to promote the recycling practices that are the basis of building a culture of sustainability at Muhlenberg College," (<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/u/committees/greening/infrastructure.html>).

Through this committee, different tactics of raising environmental awareness were developed.

The color coded garbage cans/recycling bins near the mailboxes and upstairs near Java Joes were one such tactic. Green recycling cans for recycling paper and cardboard available to students

were another step in the committee's commitment to creating an environment-friendly campus.

Perhaps the largest success of the Campus Greening Committee was the creation of the "Green Team" and their use of cardboard compactors on move-in day.

This move-in day undertaking began last year on move-in day for the class of 2008 and then continued with this year's first-year move-in.

Two cardboard compactors were stationed in the West quad--one in front of Prosser Hall and another between Brown Hall and Walz Hall. The Green Team walked through the halls of the first year buildings asking to take any unneeded cardboard boxes out to the compactors.

Creative signs made of leftover scraps from boxes were used to encourage students and their parents to bring their cardboard to the compactors.

According to Nguyen, 1.7 tons of cardboard boxes were compacted last year on move-in day.

Perhaps the biggest success of this program was making parents and students more environmentally aware. "It was wonderful standing at the compactors and watching the students and parents bring their cardboard to us," said Nguyen.

Seeing the Green Team and the cardboard compactors even stirred up interest among the first-year students, stirring up environmentally conscientious feelings in the new students. This year the program was expanded to upperclassmen buildings and was also a huge success.

The amount of cardboard recycled has not been calculated yet, but it is expected to be much larger than the amount previously recycled.

To sum it up in Nguyen's words, "I've been very impressed that when I look in the green bins, there has been paper and cardboard in there."

"We're just trying to do things to catch students' attention, but it's hard because some people are lazy."

"We're just trying to make things easy for the students, but I think there's room for improvement in any project."



Even parents were eager to help recycle cardboard boxes during freshman move-in last week. One mother smiles as she takes her boxes to the recycling bin.

COURTESY OF MICHAEL BRUCKNER

NEW FACES

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The Provost makes her recommendation based on input from the departmental head and other staff members. Then qualified candidates begin the intensive interview process.

Before being offered a position, the President of the College reviews the information and makes final appointments to the academic staff.

Not only are potential new faculty drawn to the Caring Community aspect of the College, but according to Lachter, it is "really exciting to be part of this growing and changing [religious] department."

Part of the change coming to the religion department will be the addition of three more tenure positions in the next few years.

"The College's commitment to benefiting the faculty makes a big difference to the recruitment of new professors especially in terms of offering tenure," Lachter states.

"It is exciting to come to Muhlenberg because of the option of tenure and a unique opportunity to direct Judaic Studies." Lachter finished his Ph.D.

at Vassar College but did not have tenure.

Faculty members are expected to be a resource to students both inside and outside the classroom, which includes advising and writing recommendations.

There are also different departmental duties that must be fulfilled and other faculty requirements.

Since it is a small school, the College places a lot of emphasis on the faculties' obligations to the students.

In addition to the courses and exams, professors are asked to keep student privacy in mind and to hold the students to a strict academic code of behavior.

The College seems to have left a good first impression on Lachter.

He says that "students seem to be engaged" and that working at the College seems to be a similar environment to his previous place of employment at Vassar College.

It will be near impossible for a student to attend classes without bumping into one of the College's new faces. This batch of faculty members is sure to leave their mark on the campus and the eager minds that inhabit it.

THEATRE

FROM PAGE 1

But the nice comments on the College's friendly atmosphere and sense of community along with a reputation of being more selective than other schools do look good on the College's resume. The nod to the theatre department is especially inviting to students looking for a solid option aside from a conservatory.

The Princeton Review also listed Yale University, Vassar and Ithaca Colleges in addition to the College in their list of the top twenty theatre departments across the country.

Charlie Richter, Head of the Theatre and Dance department, says, "It does benefit Muhlenberg in terms of making the school more visible to perspective students, but I honestly think that *The Princeton Review* is not a very accurate list. Some of the schools on the lists are wonderful while others have

no theatre program at all. I do absolutely think that it benefits the program and helps us to attract more talent."

Of course, those of us who looked at (*The Princeton Review*) a few years ago remember that the theatre was well-regarded then too. In 2004 (*The Review*) listed the College as one of the schools with the most homogeneous student population. This jab at the school's lack of diversity placed emphasis on some of the qualities which the College lacks. The College is not listed in the "Best Overall Academic Experience For Undergraduates" or the "Professors Make Themselves Accessible" categories, both of which are qualities that the College rigorously emphasized on any tour of campus.

The reviews do little to persuade high school seniors. Nothing can compare to an actual visit to the campus. However, *The U.S. News & World Report* as well as *The Princeton Review* change, just as the college does, from year to year.



Lighting Designer Alex Garlen '06 and actress Meghan Winch '06 discuss the first show of the Fall Theatre Season, *Lebensraum*, with director Noah Herman '06.

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Freshman Orientation proves "the more, the merrier"

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Freshman Orientation weekend took place between Fri., Aug. 26 and Sun., Aug. 28. However, according to the mission statement presented in the advising manual, "orientation is a year-long process, beginning with the June Advising and culminating in the end of the first academic year at Muhlenberg."

For orientation weekend, the entire first-year class is split up into about 40 groups with at least two upperclassman (Student Advisors), one writing assistant and one faculty advisor assigned to each group.

A committee comprised of upperclassmen students Lori Giesberg '06, Laura Teixeira '06 (co-chairs), Brian Campfield '06, Nikki Dilks '06, Allison Mantel '06, Sarah Effronson '07, and John Jannuzi '07 worked on the Orientation activities. As well, the Secretary of the Provost's office Pam DiGiamoco and the Dean of Academic Life Carol Shiner Wilson are in charge of planning orientation weekend. They spend almost a whole year preparing for each incoming freshman class.

The orientation process is evaluated by the first-year students and the committee assesses the evaluations, and according to Dean Wilson, decides "what needs to be changed, and also what needs to be kept." The student committee changes every year and according to Dean Wilson, is "one of the best leadership positions on campus."

The committee also selects Student Advisors to assist with orientation in a substantial way. The committee has "great confidence in the power of peer advising."

Mantel, who is on the Student Advising and Orientation Planning Committee said, "We hope that the first-year students enjoyed themselves, met a lot of new faces and felt welcomed by the Muhlenberg community."

Dean Wilson revealed that the committee "made a conscious effort to improve Student Advisor training this year" saying that it was "better than ever." The advisors went through special leadership training and worked on group facilitation skills.

There were a few new aspects to orientation weekend this year. The theme was "Building your future." The committee came up with that concept when looking around campus and noticing all the construction taking place. Members of the committee thought the theme

would be "very appropriate."

Each incoming freshman, faculty advisor and student advisor received a keychain with a level and a tape measurer built inside to go along with the theme. In addition, the planning committee could occasionally be seen wearing plastic yellow hard hats throughout the weekend.

A play which has been shown for many years in order to help students become more aware of social identity issues was altered this year and made "even better by making the issues really more personal." This important change helped to make the situation more relatable to the first-year students.

The characters were "much more interactive with the audience." At the end of the play, several multicultural students introduced associations with which they were affiliated and spoke briefly about how students could become involved.

For Orientation 2005, there was a follow-up activity put together for the first-year class on social identity.

The workshop, according to the Orientation 2005 handbook, is "designed to engage its participants in an honest and open dialogue about the complex ways in which social identities affect our personal capacities to live, work and share space with others." Three faculty members, administration and trustee members organized this "fascinating" workshop.

Dean Wilson has just begun sorting through the evaluations this year and has so far found that the most popular event seemed to be the "fiesta".

Students seemed to have "felt

very welcome," and appreciated the "individual advising session." Dean Wilson also found that first-year students were "thankful for the student advisors and faculty" for being "warm and friendly."

Parents "absolutely loved" moved in, where the student advisors carry belongings up to the students' room and move traffic quickly and efficiently.

Dean Wilson believes that Orientation 2005 was "really great" and thought the "Student Advisors did really well." Now, Dean Wilson will form a brand new student committee and together they will start to develop an even better program for next year.



Every year, the first year students engage in rigorous activities to build trust and confidence with each other. This year was no different as the latest batch of students attempt to send all members of their team through a veritable 'spider's web.' Each member must pass through a different portion of the net and no one can pass through the same space twice.

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WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is not a static thing. The only people who do not change their minds are incompetents in asylums and those in cemeteries."

- Everett McKinley Dirksen

The Great Allentown Fair:

Showing people a good old-fashioned time

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The mingled scent of manure and hay greets students walking along Chew Street towards The Great Allentown Fair. Once inside, the aromas of Pennsylvania Dutch goodies wafting from the stands along the fairway replace the barnyard stench.

Signs the length of the fairway boast classic fair foods such as corn dogs, funnel cake and curly fries as well as items more indigenous to the area like giant doughy elephant ears topped with cinnamon sugar or vanilla custard.

To the left of the fairway stands the Agri-Plex building which houses farm, garden and home exhibits during the fair. In this flea market, vendors sell everything from Aveda cosmetics to the Amazing Sweep, a giant toothbrush-like rubber broom that cleans carpets, tile and hardwood floors.

People who wish to try their luck can play the many games lining the side streets to the right of the fairway. Most games cost four dollars per throw but cheaper entertainment is available. Fifty cents buys you one game of "I got it!". This game is a simplified version of bingo. To play, you throw golf-ball sized red rubber balls into an open plexi-glass case a few feet away. The balls settle to the bottom of the case into compartments arranged in the shape of a bingo board. If you're adept enough to get five in a row simply yell "I got it!" while

everyone else lays down another two quarters to try again.

For a quarter less you can play roulette at one of Uncle Nick's two candy stands. Just place your bet before the announcer spins the wheel and if the pointer lands on the number under your quarter, you win two candy bars, and on rare occasions, a whole box of candy. Beware, however, because those quarters quickly add up and before you know it you've paid twenty bucks to methodically throw rubber bouncy balls.

Aside from standard fair rides which have made appearances at every town fair from here to Baltimore, Md., the fair offers a unique brand of entertainment. Everyone has heard of flea circuses and freak shows, but few have ever witnessed such spectacles first hand. The Alberti Flea Circus performs outside of the Agri-Plex building about twice a day. In theory a flea circus sounds interesting, but in reality the only performer is a sixty year-old ringmaster in a toned down clown costume who is pretending to make invisible fleas jump from high dives.

On the opposite side of the fair, the circus freak show draws large crowds with its sample performances. Poopa, a seventy year old midget, tantalizes crowds as he unflinchingly puts out two lit torches on his tongue. Patrons who wish to pay two dollars can enter the freak show tent and view such wonders as the Cobra girl, an amicable fourteen year old girl with the body of a cobra;



Marshall Slayton '08 enjoys his funnel cake at The Great Allentown Fair. Music and rides provided other forms of entertainment.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

Ming Ling, the tallest girl in the world; the amazing headless wonder and ten other impossible beings.

For animal lovers, the fair offers many sights. There are the performing animals like Zoey the sea lion who swims in the specially designed sea lion truck aquarium and performs two to three times daily with Farmer Joe. Lions, tigers, crocodiles and even elephants inhabit the yellow tent of Wambold's Circus Menagerie, and inside the tent fairgoers can take an elephant ride.

Animal Rights Activists may feel

more at ease visiting the less exploited animals in the livestock barns. Rabbits and cavies (also known as guinea pigs) share a barn with the pigeons and roosters, while sheep, goats, bulls, heifers, Jersey cows and pigs occupy the open barns. Eating before strolling through the six varieties of hogs is advisable.

On Friday night Hilary Duff graced the stage of the great Allentown Fairgrounds. However, her performance was not included in the five dollar admission price. Other performers who

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO?



"Spiderman, because he looks great in spandex."

-Rosalie Aponte '07



"Quail-Man, because he is one of the few people who can make wearing underpants on your head cool."

- Sean Pattwell '08



"My favorite superhero is Batman because I just saw the movie and it was great."

- Bill Snow '09



"Catwoman has to be my favorite because I am a feminist."

- Valena David '07



"It's Superman. He has an awesome personality."

- Josh Shantzer '09

Compiled by Sarah Smith

Gridley Paige fails to make waves at fest

By Lisa White
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Labor Day fest was packed with students checking out the over 70 campus clubs the College has to offer and piling up their plates with steaming hot dogs and hamburgers. Held during the afternoon of Sept. 4, the fest included activities such as the bungee run and the band Gridley Paige who entertained students with its music and performance.

Formed in 1997 by two brothers from New York, Tim and Jeff, Gridley Paige started touring the local club scene. With a set consisting mostly of rock cover songs, including Puddle of Mudd's "She hates me," Ozzy's "Crazy train" and AC/DC's "Dynamite", the band pulled off adequate interpretations of their song choices. Since then, they have had adequate success and enjoy playing a variety of venues.

During their performance, the lead vocalist adjusted remarkably to all the forms of vocal styles. Although he did not have a great voice, he convincingly mimicked the vocalists of the bands he was covering. The rest of the band followed him up and played a tight set. Overall, Gridley Paige did as well as any cover band would and put on a decent show.

Although only a small crowd formed around the band, the students who congregated there more than made up for their small numbers by doubling the crowd energy. They formed a semi-mosh pit, and the hard rockers seemed to enjoy the set by jumping around and bobbing their heads in rock time rhythm. There was even one part of the set where one of the band mem-

bers did a stage dive. The band switched gears from a more familiar set to heavier rock and the rockers seemed to be having just as good of a time as their audience.

Even though Gridley Paige was supposed to be the main attraction of the Labor Day fest, for most students the band acted more as a sort of background noise rather than a central focus. Amongst all of the other activities of Labor Day fest, from the bungee run to the gyrating spinner, from the grill to Academic Row overflowing with student involvement, Gridley Paige was more or less left unnoticed. It is hard, when playing at a social event like the Labor Day fest, to draw a big fan base and keep everyone's attention, especially when there are so many other distractions.

Because the Welcome Back Barbeque was rained out and had to be held inside, the fest was the first chance this year for students to be outside enjoying the weather and seeing some of their friends. But perhaps if the band had chosen more appropriate songs for the occasion that were more upbeat and appealing to college students, they would have attracted more attention. Also, had they played said songs throughout the whole set without dying down towards the end, they would have had a larger crowd around them.

All in all, Gridley Paige, a promising cover band, was disregarded to some extent and treated like elevator music or phone "holding" tunes. Through their upbeat and hardcore edge, they unsuccessfully tried to create some ruckus. In the end, only a few followers head-banged it out and the rest of the student population seemed oblivious to their presence.

Reader's Corner: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

By Sandy Crawford
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Mitch Albom's novel *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*, is about an 83-year-old man named Eddie who works at the Ruby Pier amusement park. Eddie is the head of the Maintenance Department and has worked there ever since he was a young boy. This story, however, begins when Eddie tragically dies on his birthday while trying to make sure passengers on a dysfunctional ride are safe. In the end, he forfeits his own life attempting to save that of a little girl.

When Eddie arrives in Heaven, it is explained to him that he will be visiting with five people in order to understand why certain events in his life occurred. These five people, individuals who were present in his life and connected to him in incongruous ways, will serve as guides to more fully understanding his own terminated life. As these visits pass, each of them will help teach him how to let go of the past in order to see the future. Through them, he

explores past events, situations, and circumstances with newfound perspective and appreciative understanding.

The novel is told in many parts, each refers to a different period in time. Part of the story is told in the present by referring and commenting on Eddie's death, funeral and other earthly proceedings. It also connects to the past through flashbacks to memories of Eddie's birthdays. Most importantly, it discusses the future in death--the journey of what happens to him after he dies and the people he encounters in his death.

This novel is an amazing story of life lessons that can be used in everyday situations. The reader spends the whole book learning about the type of person Eddie was and what events, realized and unrealized, helped to shape and mold his view of things. This novel helps show that events that occur in life can affect others in ways that one may not notice. The story allows the reader to follow Eddie through an exciting and eye-opening adventure-

-one that while living he did not have the chance to experience.

The Five People You Meet In Heaven is simply written, yet it holds many messages. It is a fun read for any type of person and once one is engaged in its intoxicating words, it is hard to put down. It is a book that warms the heart and touches the soul. Thought-provoking and serious, it's topic of death is ideal for in-depth discussion of other related issues such as the afterlife and heaven.

This book, reflecting upon and analyzing life through death, is one that should not be passed by or ignored like so many other books. If you see it on the shelves, make sure to snatch it up. Good job to Mitch Albom and pleasant reading to you book-worms.



AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



The 40 Year-Old Virgin

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Brothers Grimm

Fri. 4:10, 7:10

Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Four Brothers

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Red Eye

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40

Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40

Sun. 1:20, 4:30, 7:30

Transporter 2

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00

Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00

Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Man

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10

Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Wedding Crashers

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Redecorate and rejuvenate your life through the art & science of Feng Shui

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

As new and old students begin to move into their usually small and compact rooms, be it dorm, MILE, McGregor or South/Robertson style living spaces, they begin to wonder and possibly even worry about how all of their "necessities" will fit into an area so tiny. First-year students especially may find this a challenge as they are not yet used to sharing a room. While the room seems to be built for one, it will house two students with all of their possessions for the next year. Therefore, beds are lofted close to the ceiling, desks are shoved underneath and in a desperate attempt for "personal" space, they laugh in the face of collapsible danger.

Days and weeks pass, and although life seems to be going quite fine, you and the roommate seem to be getting along okay, and your grades aren't too bad, the lack of breathing room may finally be getting to you. Little things, like a borrowed calculator or a swiped soda from the fridge may be that one insignificant happening that pushes you over the edge and into the abyss of high stress and irritability.

Recently, a trend has sprung up in the West that has for over 4,000 years been a constant source of liv-

ing inspiration for habitants of Taiwan, Singapore, China and Malaysia. It is a body of knowledge known as Feng Shui (Fung Shway or Fung Shui according to certain resources) and it is a science that centers on living in harmony with your environment so that the energy surrounding you works for you, rather than against you. It's technical definition is the art of arranging your home or workplace to enhance your overall well being, focusing on health, wealth and happiness.

Feng Shui, considered a fad by many, had been around for more than four millennia. It is not based on any mystical belief system or voodoo. It is not a religion or superstition. In fact, it is a highly mathematical science that analyzes the four aspects of building, environment, people and time. It is an art in how you arrange your living space to accommodate those calculations.

One of the major Feng Shui formulas deals with the eight main life Aspirations, corresponding with the four directions North, South, East and West and their inter-cardinal directions Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast, Southwest. Using

the octagonal shaped Pa Kua, as it is called, these elements are organized into a specific order allowing you to energize and invigorate the area to which they pertain. By following the Pa Kua, you create good Feng Shui and a positive chi flow.

For example, putting objects of blue and black color due North stimulates career and school prospects. In the NE corner, placing beige objects on your desk promotes education and knowledge. To the East, green and brown encourage family and health. To the SE, green instills wealth and prosperity.

Regions in the South should be red in color to sponsor recognition and fame. Regions in the SW should be yellow to allow for marriage and romantic happiness. Finally, the West needs metallic, white and golden objects to encourage children, whereas the NW requires these colors to promote mentors and networking.

These principals can easily be applied to any room. One of the major components in achieving Feng Shui is in the use of color. Painting a room green or blue, represents peace and relaxes the eyes. Soft colored bed sheets and bright,

bold comforters keep students' minds alert and active as they study on their beds. Yellow lights are great for homework, while green lights are ideal for resting and listening to music.

Although this technique for balancing one's life and place of residence may sound far fetched, many celebrities such as David Beckham have adopted the practice of Feng Shui. Beckham even has soccer cleats with yin and yang symbols embroidered on the sides to improve his soccer performance by giving spiritual balance to his feet.

A college student's life can be hectic and unorganized, putting that student on the brink of a rest home trip and a few poppable pills. The student becomes unbalanced and the room becomes a breeding ground for strange, new kinds of mold and fungi. Feng Shui helps to harmonize the many elements of life that create chaos and restores a sense of balance in which one can prosper and function. Who can't use a little bit of un-cluttering and peace?

Students, spice up your room with intense color, style and spirit. Come out from underneath those precariously, wobbly beds and see the inspired light of the Eastern World's peacemaker: Feng Shui.

(www.thegeomancer.netfirms.com/fengshui.htm)



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The long distance relationship: Are you up to the challenge?

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Since it's my first column, I have been thinking all week about what I should write. I know some of you may be used to a more explicit and "in-your-face" column, but that just isn't me. I don't want to spit facts at anyone. I just want to write about issues that face college students: sex, love, relationships and everything in between. These issues are important for all young people to know and understand.

After a fabulous summer at home with my boyfriend, the time came to discuss where our relationship would be going in the fall. With me returning to at Muhlenberg and him staying in Boston, Mass. to work, we had a tough decision to make. We both wanted to continue the relationship, and agreed to stay faithful to each other and not see other people at school. Even though

I have only been back at school a week, I have had a lot of time to think about the kind of effort and faith that goes into having a long distance relationship.

Through my research, talking with others and exploration of my own feelings and philosophies, I believe I have come up with a sort of long distance relationship (or LDR) handbook. I think that sharing this with other people will be able to foster healthy LDRs for other people facing my similar situation for the upcoming school year.

First of all, TRUST. Duh, right? But it goes beyond just wondering who your partner may be hanging out with on the weekends, or who they are sitting next to in biology. Constant worrying and questioning is just wasting time and will drive

you insane. You cannot control the actions of your partner 24/7 when they are trying to live their own life at home or at school. Be sure that this trust is in place before you separate.

Talk about your feelings and try to have realistic expectations about your relationship. A LDR is hard enough without bringing insecurities and self-doubt into the mix. The second part of trust is having faith. Your partner would not be entering into an LDR with you if they did not want to be with you. Have faith in your partner's feelings for you and in the bond that you have with each other.

It's fine to ask how things are going and about new friends they have made. This does not mean calling them and questioning them about every voice you hear in the background when you are talking on the phone, or asking "Who is that?" when you check their updated

Webshots page. There will be temptation everywhere in college, along with that one boy or girl who does not understand the concept of "I have a boyfriend/girlfriend." Trust in your partner's feelings for you and don't concern yourself with trying to fend off all of your partner's suitors with a stick.

Aretha Franklin sang about R-E-S-P-E-C-T and she was right. Respect is an essential part of any relationship, but it takes on a whole new meaning in an LDR. When going back to college or wherever it is you go that separates you from your significant other, realize that you have your own life and respect that fact, because it is an important part of who you are. You are going to be meeting lots of new people and having all kinds of new experiences. You will be forming a new life at school, and your significant other needs to respect that.

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

Welcome back to school, Aries, and believe me, this year is gonna be one heck of a ride! There'll be parties, romance, action, intrigue and even a few laughs along the way. Just remember one tiny little thing—on the eve of January 23rd, do not, I repeat, do not, under any circumstances leave your dorm room. Just do some studying, watch *About A Boy* and eat some ice cream.

Taurus

Taurus, your mystically endowed strength of will has really worked wonders for you thus far in life! You get the best jobs, the cutest girls and everyone really seems to love you. It's a facade, Taurus. The truth is they're terrified of you. You were a bouncer over the summer for crying out loud. So try to be a little less intense. Stick to plaid and watch some Hugh Grant movies.

Gemini

You have a secret, Gemini, a horrible truth that no one must ever know. You've tried your best to hide the evidence, to silence the would-be betrayers among you, those who might expose your terrible deed. I'm sorry, young Gemini, but I have divined your secret from the cosmos, and it must be uttered, for all to hear. You totally hooked up with Bobby Smith at the Allentown Fair this year. Yes, that Bobby Smith.

Cancer

Spirituality is one of the most important things in life, even if you don't believe in a specific God, or follow a certain religion. This week you are going to explore your own definition of spirituality. Whether it entails worshipping the ground you walk on, or the flask of vodka in your hand, everyone's conclusion is different. And everyone has a different way of finding that all encompassing definition.

Leo

Graduation present: thirty-four thousand-dollar Lexus. Tuition: thirty-two thousand dollars. Meal plan: two-thousand dollars. Books and other college accouterments: five hundred dollars. Swallowing your car keys on a drunken dare and being airlifted to the hospital: priceless. Welcome back to Muhlenberg, and remember, it's not too embarrassing as long as you're not caught.

Virgo

Fear not young freshman Virgos! Just because you were born under the sign of the Virgin does not mean you are doomed to life of celibacy. Get out there and strut your stuff! There are plenty of ways to meet young, nubile co-eds, especially when it is your first year at one of the nations "hottest" schools. It is college, for goodness' sake. Have a good time and be safe.

Libra

It doesn't take a psychic to see that you're excited to college to begin. You've got your Muhlenberg sweatshirt, your Muhlenberg bed sheets, your Muhlenberg pencils, your Muhlenberg shot glasses and your Muhlenberg notebooks. However, maybe you shouldn't have picked up that Muhlenberg thong—I mean how do you top that? But seriously Muhlenberg, why stick your name on a thong?

Scorpio

You're abroad this semester, dear Scorpio, and it honestly is one of the best decisions you'll ever make. I mean think about it, you can experience a new culture, learn new customs, maybe even a new language. And remember, if you ever get homesick, there's one thing every country has spades of: horny drunken college guys who will eat a mouse just to get your attention. Bet you feel better all ready.

Sagittarius

I've had a psychic vision about you... you meet a nice guy, he's an art major—maybe with a minor in Philosophy... you talk, chill out for a bit... and then... he asks you to pose for some... suggestive photos... he says they're purely artistic... for his photography class. You say you'd love to... five months after the shoot... you're back home... and your brother shows you something online. It's the photos! Oops.

Capricorn

As the school year begins, everyone always starts to wonder, what their year will hold? Some people may think it will be super interesting and others may groan at the anticipated workload looming before them. The optimistic ones will smile through the tests and quizzes and the pessimists will throw their arms up and say, "It's not worth it." Be a middle man. Know when to work and when to play. Balance is the key to a great year.

Aquarius

You didn't really get a job this summer, did you, Aquarius? No, you just sat at home and watched the entire *Lord of the Rings* trilogy back-to-back-to-back every day, for every week of the entire summer. That's when you came to the epiphany that you should change your major to Orc Studies and walk around in a robe all day, shouting, "You shall not pass!" to tour groups. Get a life.

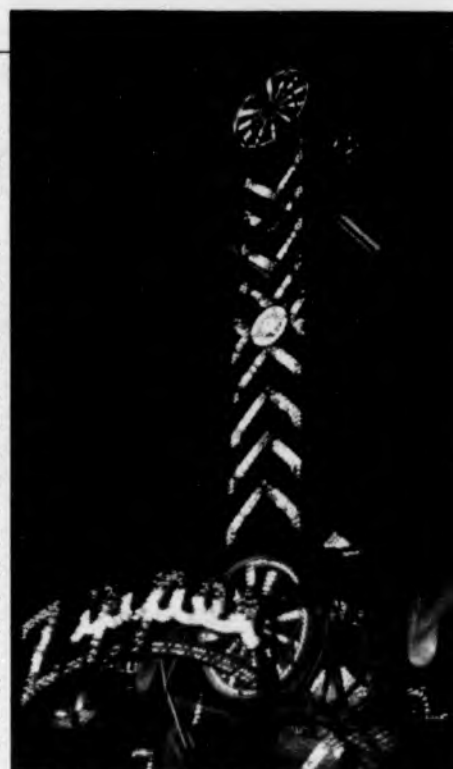
Pisces

It's so hard to meet interesting people sometimes. But with all the activities and clubs that Muhlenberg has to offer, I know that you will find people that are just like you. It may take a little effort, a little hard work and a little time but the best things in life are definitely worth waiting for, and so are the best of friends. So go out there and be friendly and smile. A smile can brighten any-

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visited the Grandstand Show Venue over the five days of the fair were Larry the Cable Guy of the Blue Collar Comedy show, Tim McGraw and Tyler Hilton.

Overall, a warm summer's night at The Great Allentown Fair means trying some strange foreign foods like funnel cakes, corn dogs, deep-fried oreos and other cholesterol increasing treats. Exotic animals such as sea lions, camels, cows and pigeons attracted large audiences and a variety of ages. The goats and sheep were especially entertaining because you could bend down and pet them. The freak show offered some interesting performances and many people left the tent slightly frightened and a little disturbed. The freak show at the fair is not something that you see everyday and therefore, is unique and spectacular. Seeing someone famous is always an experience and The Great Allentown Fair is just one place where you can do it.



The Zipper is only one of many exciting rides offered to fairgoers at The Great Allentown Fair.

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Your new life at college does not mean that you don't care as much for your partner or that you have forgotten them. You are still a living, breathing, valuable person when they are not around and they need to understand that. Getting involved with activities on campus will also cut down on the loneliness that you will feel without your partner around.

You will also have something to talk about with them, and they will appreciate hearing about what is going on in your life and that you are having fun at school and not having to listen to you weep over the phone every night about how you miss them so badly. Respect your partner's decision to live a life that does not solely revolve around you, and they will respect yours in turn.

Lastly, you need to incorporate honesty into your relationship. At times, it may mean being brutally honest. You can't force feelings for someone, and it is wrong to try and pretend your way through an LDR or any kind of relationship for that matter. It's not fair to either of you to keep a relationship on life support when there is no hope for a meaningful recovery. Be honest, but

be sensitive if the time comes to end things. Try to avoid pulling the plug before big exams, finals or their first appearance as a starter at Friday's big game. Don't do it over AIM either because that's just insensitive and wrong.

Honesty can also be good for reassuring your partner that you have not forgotten them. If you are feeling a cold coming on, are writing five papers all in one week or are just swamped at your job, tell your partner. It will be easier for them to understand why you haven't written or called in a while if you are honest about what is going on in your life.

You may just need some space for a few days to get your work done. In your conversations, don't forget to tell them about the good things going on in your life as well.

Some people might think you are crazy for entering into an LDR, but it's not about "some people." Your relationship does not include the rest of the student body, or everyone at your job. It's about what you and your partner mean to each other.

Being truthful, respectful and honest with each other will lead you down the right path, whether it be walking down the aisle or going your separate ways.

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The rocks are out of their shoes

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

At the Lehigh Valley Championships this past weekend, the Mules showed that their Division III status competitively challenges those at the Division I and II caliber. Both the men and women finish fourth overall. The only teams to score better than the Mules were Lehigh University, Kutztown University and Lafayette College, which all compete against non-Division III teams.

On the women's side, Senior Karen Mount beat out Kutztown's Joanna Horstman by one second to take hold of sixth place in a crowd of 59.

The outcome of the tournament may very well forecast a positive season for the women; as they had never finished higher than sixth place in the tournament's history.

"We are very proud of our performance this past weekend," said Mount. "We

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hope to show what we can really do this year."

The men's team also came out strong as they scored better than the College's rivals DeSales University and Moravian College.

Individually, the Mules top finisher was Junior Stephen Rothwell in the tenth spot, merely two and a half seconds behind Lafayette's Travis Wolfe.

Senior Brian McElroy

was also caught in a foot race as he place 19th, and seven-tenths of a second behind Lehigh's Daniel DeWitt and one and a half seconds ahead of Lehigh's Richard Little.

The teams' next contest is the Mule/Falcon Classic coming up on Sept. 17 at Cedar Crest College.

Even though the past two years that the Classic was scheduled to be held had bad weather, the Mules have always represented the competitive athletic spirit of the College.

While the 2004 Classic was cancelled to rain, the women dominated in 2003 by taking first and the men taking third as they ran through rain drops. The Mules hope to show that their improvement will continue.



Senior Brian Elroy leads this section the pack in the meet this past weekend

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Mules remain hopeful after start

By Kate Alfred
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Pre-season was a challenge as always for the Mules. Their days of multiple practices resulted in lack of sleep and muscle exhaustion, but they battled onwards.

Their dedication and strength

were tested during last week's games, including the tournament at Kean State University. Cabrini ended in a 5-1 win for the Mules.

The College's women's soccer team had the chance to prove themselves during the season opener at home.

Thursday's game against Juniors Kristen Cioeta, Emily Nealis and Andrea Dello Russo led the team, each scoring during the game.

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Sophomore Megan Francis also contributed to the Mules' scoreboard.

Saturday's game against Gwynedd-Mercy College resulted in a defeat for the team in overtime.

The final score was 1-0, Gwynedd-Mercy had only nine shots on goal.

Junior goalie Kayla Boisvert played strong with seven saves. The Mules showed their agility with a total of 13 shots on goal.

The team went on to play Sunday against Kean, who held onto their undefeated record.

The defensive line of Sophomore Maura Hendsey, Senior Katie Amari and Freshman Heather Scudellari helped Boisvert divert Kean's ten shots on goal, only allowing one to score.

With defense like this, the team is ready for the intense season ahead.



Junior Andrea Dello Russo dribbles down the field during the Mules win last week.

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Ramirez on the All-Tournament team. Following the second win, Ramirez noted that "We played with more confidence and were able to score two early goals."

"The goals set the tone and gave us control of the remainder of the game," said Ramirez. "Hopefully we can take these victories and continue playing well."

With the two wins, the College shared

tournament honors with the host team and the College's rival, Johns Hopkins University. Ironically enough, Hopkins beat both Claremont and Kings Point by the

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s a m e scores, 2-1 and 3-0, which shows the level of

competition they face. Mules host Hopkins on Sept. 17, the Conference opener for both teams. Before that, however, the Mules travel to Moravian College on Sept. 12 for a 1:00 game.

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Volleyball shows promise for 2005

By Lauren Wygonski
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Sept. 2 and 3, the Greyhound Premiere Invitational was held at Moravian College.

A weekend of premieres and record-chasing allowed the College's team to finish in second place behind Swarthmore College.

On Friday, the Mules faced off against Albright and Penn State-- Altoona Colleges, defeating both colleges 3-0 and placing them in the semi-finals against Alvernia and Swarthmore.

The College dominated the first two matches against Alvernia with a 30-23 win followed by a

30-26 lead.

In the third match, Alvernia slipped past The College winning 24-30 but brought it back to win three out of the four matches 32 to 30.

Stats include kills made by Senior co-Captain Julie Lauro, Junior Kate Haggerty and Junior Julia Lamborn.

Digs were made by Senior co-Captain Jen Weist, Lauro and Sophomore Megan Young.

Senior co-Captain Mary Henning had eight assists in the game and Freshmen Megan Eiser had four aces.

Excellent teamwork and determination brought the Mules into the championship match against

Swarthmore College.

Although the Mules lost all three sets, each set was very close. The team finished with set scores of 30-21, 30-27 and finally 30-27. Lauro made 14 more kills, Young had 14 digs, Weist had ten digs, and Henning had 26 more assists.

"I feel like our performance this weekend showed our growth as a team," says Junior co-Captain Courtney Williams. "And it also gave us a strong sense of what we can accomplish this season."

Other highlights include Lauro making the All-Tournament team for the third year in a row with an average of 5.23 kills and 3.38 digs per game.

In a four game series, Henning reached to second place in a College record with 1,789 assists. Haggerty reached her five-hundredth kill. Her 502 kills placed her tenth in the College's record books.

This weekend was pivotal for women's volleyball because the Mules are getting their feet wet for the season. They are already setting records and Eiser is a promising young athlete.

The Mules can be seen next at the Buttermaker Tournament on Friday, where again they face Albright College. They hope to continue to show how far they've come since the past season.

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Lions scored another touchdown on a broken special teams play in the third quarter.

This occurred when a touchdown pass was thrown after a bad snap on a pun, but the Mules answered in the fourth quarter, not only scoring again on a 32 yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Tom Kelleher (nine for 19 for 144 yards) to Tanner, but also by keeping possession of the ball for 10:26 out of a possible 15 minutes.

The Mules held a major advantage in time of possession throughout the game, winning that battle 40:41 to 19:19, something that got them to the NCAA playoffs. The Mules also had 336 total yards, compared to the Lions 73 total yards.

This win gave Head Coach Mike Donnelly the 54th win of his career, which ties him for the most wins as a head coach.

The Mules have off this coming weekend, and return to action at 7 pm on Sept. 17 in their very first home night game.

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game, tying a College record set 28 times previously. Moyer made a defensive save late in the first half to preserve a scoreless tie. Center midfielder Light contributed to the Mules win with her intensified presence during both games on the field, and distribution of the ball from the defense to the offense. Another defender who made a defensive save was Junior Allie Covell, who reached up with her stick to bat the ball out of the cage. Lynchburg was given a penalty stroke, but Schram did not allow them to capitalize. The Mules dominated most of the overtime sessions, stopping Lynchburg's speed in the seven-on-seven play by keeping a defender back at all times. Both Moyer and Sophomore Nikki Rhoads stopped potential breakaways late in the first overtime. Lynchburg only entered the circle once. Off of a corner kick, Shetron scored her second goal of the game 1:44 into the second overtime. The Mules passed the ball around to the left, from where Rutt dumped it in to Shetron for a close-range shot.

"What makes this team so versatile is the fact that there is not one standout player on our team. Everyone is a contributor and everyone is able to back each other up. Ultimately, this is what

Box Scores

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MC 3 Roanoke 1

MC 3 Lynchburg 2 (2 OT)

MC 1 Moravian 0

Football (FB)

MC 30 TCNJ 13

Men's Soccer (MS)

MC 2 Claremont 1 (OT)

MC 3 Kings Point 0

Women's Soccer (WS)

MC 5 Cabrini 1

MC 0 Gwynedd-Mercy 1 (OT)

MC 0 Kean 1

Volleyball (VB)

MC 3 Albright 0

MC 3 Penn-State Altoona 0

MC 3 Alvernia 1

MC 0 Swarthmore 3

Next Week's Events:

CC None

FH 9/10 @ Ithaca 12

9/11 @ Oneonta 12

FB None

MS 9/7 @ Wilkes 4

9/10 @ Moravian 1

WS 9/7 v Centenary 5

9/10 v Scranton 7

VB 6/9 v Albright 4

v Pitt- Greensburg 8



Kelly Shetron crosses sticks with her opponent as they both fight for control of the ball.

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made our team come out on top, and what we hope will contribute to a great season and Conference Championship," said Rhoads. The Mules next game is at 12 pm on Saturday at Ithaca College.

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Defense leads the Mules to first victory

By Rob Lehman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules picked up a 30-13 victory in its season opener at The College of New Jersey this past Saturday, led by its tight defensive play.

Like last season, the College's defense dominated the field, allowing only 73 total yards and holding the Lions to minus-24 rushing yards and a mere four first downs.

The defense was led by senior linebacker Dan McCall, who had eight tackles, including three sacks, and forced two fumbles, recovering one of them at his new linebacker position. McCall needs just one more sack to break the College record for sacks in a career.

Senior safety Phil Gasker also contributed with an interception for the Mules. The Lions opened up the scoring in the first quarter when they scored on a blocked punt. This, however, would be the last time the Lions held the lead. The Mules got three field goals from sophomore place kicker Jordan Grube and a touchdown caught by sophomore tight end Derek DiMattina (three receptions for 36 yards) from Sophomore running back Ross Tanner on a goal-line trick play that has yielded a touchdown in three consecutive attempts, all before the first half was over.

The Mules opened the second half with a five yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Matt Johnson (he was seven for 19 complete passes for 88 yards and gained



Sophomore Matt Johnson throws behind a stellar block from Junior Matt Salles in the Mules.

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41 yards on ten carries) to Senior receiver Kyle Douglas (he had three rushes for 48 yards and four catches for 41 yards). The

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Double wins crown Mules champs

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules got off to a stellar beginning as they won their opening tournament last weekend. On Friday evening, the Mules defeated Roanoke College 3-1 in the Mules Classic.

Juniors Jessica Hand and Lisa Ann Polt each scored a goal and contributed an assist.

Sophomore Lauren Rutt capped off the win by scoring her first career goal. Junior goalie Lauren Schram recorded three saves.

The second and final game of the tournament left the players exhausted and the fans in suspense, as the Mules scored a dramatic win in double overtime.

The Mules defeated Lynchburg College 3-2. This overtime win was not only impressive for the Mules, but it was the first overtime win since 2001 and the first double-over time win since 1998.

The Mules' first goal was

scored by sophomore Kelly Shetron. She would later score the winning goal in double-over time. Senior Stephanie Light said, "Our team really came together nicely this weekend. We work hard as a unit and everyone is willing to give that essential second effort that it takes to win against stiff competition. Our communication of the field has drastically improved,

which makes working together a whole lot easier."

After Shetron's first goal, Lynchburg, who was the 2004 Old Dominion Athletic Conference regular-season champion, scored twice in under four minutes to take a 2-1 lead.

However, as a result of a tight defense and quick offense the Mules were able to tie the score.

Junior Kate Moyer deflected in Sophomore Jill Duffy's cross with nine minutes left in regulation. This score her first career goal. Duffy had two assists in the

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Mules survive Hopkins' turf as champs

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules had an exciting start this weekend as they participated in the Dr. Al Tucci Kickoff Classic at Johns Hopkins University.

While it is never easy gaining victories at Johns Hopkins, the Mules recorded their first two wins of the season as they beat Claremont College 2-1 on Saturday and Kings Point College 3-0 on Sunday.

Led by a team which includes eight seniors, the Mules won in an intense standoff on Saturday, when

they faced Claremont and won in overtime, 2-1.

Senior midfielder Jose Ramirez scored the winning goal in the 98th minute.

With just five minutes to play in regulation the Mules tied the game with a goal from Senior co-Captain Ryan Smallwood. The goal was assisted by sophomore Jonathan Kliewer's corner kick.

The veteran defense helped out sophomore goalie Peter Bennett by only allowing Claremont College three shots.

Following the first win, senior Jose Ramirez said, "In the first game we came out strong, but we let an early goal break our momentum.

Luckily we were able to bounce back and came out with a victory."

While the match against Claremont College was suspenseful, Sunday's game proved to be a much easier contest. Facing Kings Point, the Mules won 3-0.

Two goals were netted by senior Chris King as he was named Offensive Most Valuable Player at

the tournament. The first goal came in the first thirty seconds as King took a pass from senior Jonathan Roman.

The Mules kept the pressure on and King scored again in the half, this time on a pass by senior co-Captain Adam Milberg.

Late in the game, sophomore Karim Assous scored the third and final goal of the game. Bennett recorded his first career shutout with three saves. Bennett joined seniors James Henshaw and Jose

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New dean of Wescoe connects to community

By Robin DeCicco
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Simon Priest began his duty as Dean of the Wescoe School at the College on Sept. 9, 2005. The Wescoe School is best known as the "evening college," in which non-traditional students are able to earn their degrees. Additionally, the Wescoe school is involved in community outreach, summer study, corporate training and accelerated courses.

Priest joins the College Community after serving as the Chief Executive Officer and President of virtualteamworks.com, a website dedicated to improving the level of communication among various employees who work together only through the Internet.

As Dean, Priest's major obligation is to continue to make the college learning experience more accessible for adults throughout the Lehigh Valley.

"It is essential for the College to

extend itself to the community, because there are many adults who are looking to take advantage of earning a higher degree," said Priest.

Primarily, he is focused on developing more "non-credit" courses to be taught to members of the community in an environment outside of the classroom.

Non-credit courses at the Wescoe School are meant for those who are passionate about the course material but do not need the credit to graduate.

Another interesting fact about non-credits is that they do not need to be taught by professors. Priest hopes that he can encourage students at the College to become more involved in the community and maybe even teach or assist in teaching some non-credit classes.

"I believe that the role of a higher institution is to be a part of its community; therefore, I don't see why we can't get day students to teach classes related to their major and areas of interest. Computer Science students can teach senior citizens how to use computers, so that they can stay in touch with their grandchildren, and English majors can definitely teach creative writing to high school students in Allentown," said Priest.

His efforts in the near future will mostly be dedicated to integrating the College's community with the local community, in order to provide the most opportunity for the citizens of the Lehigh Valley.

Thus far, Priest seems to be impressed with the way the Wescoe school operates and views his role as more of a "facilitator to make things happen more quickly and efficiently for the evening students and staff." He admits that he does not plan to change everything that is

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The new dean of the Wescoe School plans on connecting the evening school and the College with the local community.



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Katrina leaves students adrift

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As Americans have turned on television news stations for the past two weeks, information about Hurricane Katrina has been abundant.

This hurricane was one of the most destructive to ever hit the United States. Most of New Orleans, La. was flooded, including many areas of the city which are below sea level. Five million people have lost their electricity, which may not be restored for another two months.

Also, much of this major city has been destroyed, and thousands have lost their lives.

Not only have the negative effects of the hurricane affected New Orleans, but 11 other states besides Louisiana have also reported damage.

The College has been fundraising for disaster relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In addition to raising money to go towards rebuilding New Orleans, the College has taken in five students for the semester who were about to start off their years at schools in New Orleans.

According to Associate Dean of Wescoe School Jane Hudak, who is in charge of the displaced students, three are from Tulane University, one is from Loyola University and the last is from the University of New Orleans.

When these students discovered that they would not be able to return to their colleges for this semester, they contacted Hudak to see if the College was accepting displaced students.

Hudak then spoke to

Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, to ensure that the college would accept these students.

Hooker-Haring addressed that matter with President Randy Helm, who said that the College would be glad to accept these students for the semester.

The students all knew somebody who attended the College, which helped them make their decisions to come here.

Two of the students actually resided in New Orleans and had to leave the city with their families.

These two students are commuting to the college from a home in Allentown and are taking courses at the Wescoe School. The other three students are from the Northeast, so Hurricane Katrina is keeping them closer to home this semester.

As if starting a new year at college is not stressful enough, these students had arrived at their college dorms in New Orleans only to be evacuated from the city. They needed to start their classes as soon as they arrived on the College's campus so that they would not fall behind in the course material.

According to Hudak, most of these students are engineering majors, so to miss a few days of class would be detrimental to their studies.

"We helped them [the students] pick their classes and get in touch with their professors," said Hudak.

The students brought their fall schedules and met with Hudak to find

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Alcohol policy aids those in need

Nearly everyone will say that College is a time for learning and self-exploration. At this College, students do their typical learning on the weekdays, running from classes to meetings to rehearsals only to begin all over again the next day. Such a schedule is hectic to say the least, and many students want an outlet to relieve their stress. On the weekends, which are downtime for most, students try to relax before they prepare for the next week. For some, relaxing means drinking alcohol.

This past spring semester, the number of alcohol violations increased 55 percent from the fall semester and there were nearly four times as many alcohol-related hospitalizations (www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/presoff/).

With this increase in alcohol incidents, the introduction of an Alcohol Amnesty Policy may seem counterproductive. Some may ask why students, who are sometimes breaking not only the College's rules but also the law, should be rewarded for their behavior? Why should the College look the other way? And, should this more lenient alcohol policy be approved, will students be more inclined to abuse it?

We feel that this issue is actually quite simple. Students who had previously abstained from alcohol will not decide to binge drink because of this policy. Additionally, the policy's provisions will thwart students who seek to abuse this policy (see article on page 7).

The Alcohol Amnesty Policy will not change the weekend plans of students. Students will do as they wish, regardless of what a policy says. However, the policy could be beneficial to the students; those who would have hidden their trouble and perhaps suffered irreversible harm will now seek help. Essentially, if even one life is saved, or a life is made better because of the policy, we wholeheartedly believe that its value far outweighs any negative associations that it may have.

Though the number of alcohol violations and alcohol-related hospitalizations are bound to increase if this policy is ratified, we urge the College Community and the administration to be patient. Students may be overly excited with this newly extended boundary, though indeed, this is not a boundary that should be crossed lightly. Similarly, at first they may be slow to ask for help due to a lingering wariness about getting into trouble. However, given time, we feel certain that students will take advantage of this policy and will help out their fellow students when they may have hesitated in the past.

Cancer should not be a joking matter

Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

There's a new catch phrase sweeping our fair liberal-arts campus, one as flagrantly obnoxious as "can't touch this" and more sinister even than "you got served." The utterance in question is "that's gonna give you cancer." Yes, our collegiate culture has hit such a low state that even the inference of a deadly, destructive disease can be dismissed as "dark humor" or, in the more commonly used context of the phrase, as a method of true concern for one individual for another.

Yes, society is full of carcinogens. We breathe in lung-fulls of cigarette smoke everyday (not to mention industrial fog, car exhaust and millions of other air-borne minions of doom) and there's potentially hazardous dyes and preservatives in the

foods we eat. Of course, there's always the chance we could have a higher risk for cancer already ingrained in our DNA, an inherited genetic disposition that makes us more susceptible to the various forms of the disease than others. That's indisputable. We get through the day because we can always hope that through healthy lifestyles, rigorous physical care and an ounce or two of luck, we can somehow avoid the disease and live long happy lives. That is, until the jerks have their say.

It's been a long day--you've sat through a multitude of classes, clubs and all sorts of associated college activities, and you're just finishing up that one English assignment before calling it a night. Your nerves are shot, you're tired, stressed and just want to be done for the evening.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor,
Sir Winston Churchill once said, "If you are twenty and not a liberal, you have no heart, but if you

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are forty and not a conservative, you have no head."

That being said I'm sure that there is still some hope for Dan McClung and those of his

political persuasion. Perhaps their understanding about our enemy and the need to take the offensive battle to them over there, rather than to wait for an attack in Allentown, would be helped if they went back to watch the video of the attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Some folks have pretty short memories.

--Dave Gehris
La Plata, Md.
Class of '62

Black and white: reconciling identity

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

There is a duality of identity in all personalities; the confusion and order on the inside is analogous with the confusion and order on the outside. There is no peace without war, no love without hate, no pain without forgiveness and no black without white. No extreme can exist without another and one facet of life defines another.

When a person uses the phrase, "I don't see race," usually the immediate reaction of a minority is to cry racism, but how can a statement such as this one be racist? In some cases, race and the subsequent majority culture dictated by that are intertwined. It is

easy for Black Americans to cultivate the faults society labels them with to fit into popular culture. This can be seen in many urban populations in the way Black people talk, behave and dress. The media, especially television shows and

The darkest side of being a minority is evidenced in the way Blacks can cling to each other for reasons of fear, acceptance and respectability.

music geared towards younger generations, has a certain "Black" image composed of a certain ebonic trick of speech, crude and crass attitudes, white shirts and blue jeans from which they rarely deviate. Why would they, if it's popular? With this informal rap sheet in play for all ages, it becomes accepted as the right way to behave. It is strange how something no greater than narrow-mindedness can break your human love of self.

The darkest side of being a minority is evidenced in the way Blacks can cling to each other for reasons of fear, acceptance and respectability. W.E.B. DuBois envisioned the "talented ten," self-sufficient Black Americans that would help to found a Black socie-

ty and the vestiges of his dream can be seen in much of the Black American movements and groups today.

The issue of respectability comes into play as an expectation others in your "racial faction" tend to support. It is not an uncommon thing, when you are outspoken and intelligent, for burdens concerning your race to be placed upon your shoulders.

What then is a Black person's true racial identity and how can they own it?

As I was singing my slave spirituals and walking seven times around the room the other day, I was thinking about how I perpetually let society box me in to one of my particular identities, and how

my first reaction to being labeled is to either take away someone else's label or give them one.

To me "Whiteness" is synonymous to power, destruction and purity. Sometimes the Whiteness in my life becomes an antithesis

to my lifestyle, almost my Nemesis. I admit that sometimes I am afraid of the Whiteness in society and the way I deal with that personally is to take the Whiteness out of my relationships. I often say to my friends, "you're not white, you're gay," or "you're not white, you're Jewish," thus doing the same thing that Whiteness does to me, willfully ignoring the key parts of my identity.

In America, even if you are not White, Whiteness is a vital part of your mental anatomy. The absence of Whiteness is not Blackness, it is simply disenfranchisement. For so long, Whiteness has been in control and has dictated the hierarchal class to

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Is it possible to trust the media?

Finding truth amidst all of the fluff

Dayna Foudy
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

There are always things to complain about. Here, at the College, we can confidently say how we'd like to improve the Garden Room or housing, because we are the ones who taste the food, the ones who sleep between these walls. We can even step it up a notch and comment on and attempt to change the social order or the education that we feel we are, or are not, getting in these classrooms. But what about our education outside of the classroom, the things we can't taste, that of which we can't be so sure?

There is plenty wrong in every faction of life. Often, in order to look into or to understand what is going on in our own or smaller institutions, it is necessary to look at the bigger ones, those by which we have not been so directly effected.

First-hand experience seems to be the best way to become aware of anything. Yet hardly anyone has the time or the means, and there are even fewer people with the interest or courage to drop everything and go to the source. So we resort to the news, the Internet and, dangerously enough, to word of mouth.

The news today, as it has been for a long time in America and throughout the world with rare exceptions, is biased and usually controlled by small groups, each with their own agenda. There is always some con-

crete evidence such as photos, interviews and direct quotes, but who is choosing these pieces of evidence in which to represent the matters at hand?

Being confused or questioning one's government or authority is a natural and necessary process in order for one to live consciously. But often, confusion or anger, whether valid or not, can be based on heresy. Though we'd love to take words from those we trust as fact, we don't always know their sources. It is often comforting to see things in writing, and so many of us turn to the Internet.

The freedom of the Internet can be beneficial because many websites are not corporately controlled and some are even straight from the source of an issue which we are trying to learn about.

Unfortunately, this freedom works both ways and can be just as biased—if not more—than the news in other forms. It is possible, for instance, to find "proof" on the Internet that President Bush is an alien. Although many of us would like to believe this type of claim for fact, others disagree with a merited base of knowledge. There are many among our generation who openly scorn political figures and aren't even aware of the platform at which they are angry. We could be more effective if we had better understanding of our opinions through facts.

If we are uninformed and provided with unreliable sources it almost seems hopeless. So where should we learn these things that are critical to our citizenship, our votes, our con-

sciences? Where should we look for truth? There is certainly a feeling of hopelessness, one that I myself have allowed to keep me uninformed. But discovering what I've been blind to is enough to prove to me that ignorance is not bliss. Just as not knowing a rule doesn't change the consequence, not knowing about our surroundings does not change the negative effects we could be having on society, and in turn, ourselves.

We are college students, and whether we are working two jobs and on financial aid, or have an expendable income, we are often luckier and more powerful than we know or demonstrate. I believe it is

our responsibility to try our best to be aware of what is going on both in and out of our comfort zones. This is true whether we are voting, planning on going into politics or just debating a friend.

So, again, where do we find truth? The best answer to this question I've found so far is to watch and read the news, search the Internet, talk to your friends and ask questions, but do so critically. We can't believe everything we hear nor deny everything we hear. I believe we should question our sources but not abandon them completely, though we may often feel that they too have abandoned us.

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We stole the cookie from the jar
Who me? Yes we. Couldn't be? Then who?
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which Multicultural America adheres.

Being black in America means that you are looked at as an Exotic, especially if you are a woman. I have often heard that White men like to date Multicultural women because to them, these women's culture and color makes them mysterious and an experience outside of the norm. In other words they want "mocha chocolata ya ya," in the words of Lady Marmalade.

To be Black is to be unhappy and if you are an uneducated Black person, you are ignorant of your unhappiness. If you take Blackness from a Black person, what is left behind for their social identity?

It is detrimental when a person

doesn't find a common ground between their various identities because then they don't know a part of themselves, and it becomes common to reject what society doesn't understand. This is also a form of psychological ignorance.

Choosing not to see race in another is choosing to ignore the race in yourself, and also makes you responsible for the reinvention of someone's identity. What can be more racist than that?

In his novel James Baldwin wrote, "people are too various to be treated so lightly. I am too various to be trusted."

People are intensely complex and if they're just identifying themselves with one facet of their personality you can't put too much faith in them because they don't realize that they are stratified.

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Living better than 3-D

John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Why have we stopped teaching our children the wonders of their imagination? When did video games about football replace the actual sport itself? Everyone knows the cliché of "thinking outside the box." I wonder who put us in the box in the first place.

Just this week, I was at a local video game store when I saw two fairly young parents with a small boy looking around the store. The boy was holding a video game cartridge in one hand and he was gripping his mother's hand with the other. He asked his mom if they could play a game when they got home and the mother explained that they had to pay for it first. The child then looked up and asked if they could play "Red Light, Green Light." After this the mother and father exchanged a glance and told him to put the game on the counter.

It is understandable that children today are far more intelligent than they were years ago. Even as a college senior, I am impressed everyday with what my younger relatives are capable of in regards to computers and technology. All of this emphasis on learning and teaching is supposed to help them for the real world, but in the end, it seems like we are forgetting one important thing: they're kids.

Now, I'm not going to pretend that I

played outside everyday rain or shine. There were many a day when Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network provided ample entertainment. It would have been easy to sit down and watch countless hours of television programming, but my parents knew there was a time to turn off the TV and go outside.

So many parents these days are attempting to make their children prodigies. The glorification of the word genius allows for this attraction to be considered normal in everyday life. I wonder, however, if any of these parents who sit their child in front of a *Baby Einstein* DVD for hours on end have ever tried reading to their children. If for once they didn't buy a *Barbie: Fashion Show* game for their computer but actually, perish the thought, bought an actual Barbie doll.

It is these children, the ones that are raised with love and compassion and not with constant information being force-fed into their brains, that these children will be the thinkers and innovators. Everyone laughed at the TV obsessed kid from *Willy Wonka*, but did anyone actually take the meaning to heart? Did anyone actually say, "Hey Mr. Oompah Loompah, you have a point?"

We, as humans, were given the ability to dream. We were given the power to hope and long and wish. Why stifle the very things that make us who and what we are? Society needs creative people and creativity can not be born from a television screen.

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Then, somebody, a friend, a colleague or co-worker saunters up to you, and informs you that the diet soft drink you're enjoying will "give you cancer." Not only is this completely not helpful, but it's totally uninformed and it only serves as a completely insensitive and moronic quip to cause you further grief.

There is no doubt in my mind that my Diet Sunkist is filled to the brim with all sorts of nasty, manufactured chemicals, acids and creepy little substances whose names I can't pronounce. Fine, but do I have to focus on it right now? Besides the obvious point that the items labeled "carcinogens" are only truly harmful when consumed in horrifically large quantities over considerable amounts of time, there's the social maturity level that is severely lacking among the so-called "intellectual elite" on campus.

Now, this wouldn't be a problem if I didn't hear it being said all that much, but

it's reached an almost epidemic level. Not a week goes by that someone, whether I know them personally or not, tells me sarcastically, seriously or jokingly that I'm going to get cancer. It's not funny, it's not informative, it's sick. I honestly can't wait for the day when a smoker approaches me outside of Seegers, and tells me the stick of sugar-free gum I'm about to indulge in is going to give me a malignant tumor.

I drink diet soda, have a Twinkie now and then and use whitening toothpaste. We're in college! We need to worry about grades, about relationships or even the most base trivialities of collegiate existence. Cancer is a indisputable part of life--nearly everyone we know has been touched by this terrible illness, and yet, in order to mindfully persevere, we cannot be told by some moron at every step that what we do is dangerous to our health. It's our choice, thanks for the information, but we'll make it ourselves.

Whatever happened to Woodstock?

Dan McClung
OP/ED EDITOR

When I've worn my strange T-shirts and cheap, frayed pants, and slapped pins to my backpack that shout "look at me, a liberal, deal with it," I've never wondered what I've been fighting against. The pins are union-made, my stomach is full of free-range and roughage. I work for a peace organization; I hike, drink green tea, play a mean acoustic guitar and I've marched the streets of New York, shouting amidst the like-minded.

I suppose there's a look, a "stinginess" that people ascribe to liberalism. There are the long frilly skirts--tie-dyed usually--which flow effortlessly in the air when there's a good breeze to cast about those frills. Hair often assumes a few unnatural colors and shapes: there's half shaven and half down to the shoulder, dreads of all sorts, bleached locks, forced cow licks or the kind that's just plain neglected. Loose fitted clothing is common, and a select few saunter around with elaborate walking sticks. Most of us were born long after Nixon pulled the plug, yet there we are moping, worried sick.

Explanations have been tossed around. Some have political reasons for avoiding brand names, some

don't want to advertise and some want to shove their counter-culture in the faces of middle-aged conservatism. Regardless, all of the onlookers can point their hasty, generalization-fingers and whisper softly to themselves and their fine yuppie friends: "hippies."

It always seems to work that way. The everyday neo-hippies seem primarily concerned with getting as far from the norm and pop culture as they possibly can. I remember when I watched the Woodstock film for the first time. I was fascinated, and some part of me longed to be out there. Yes, the war in Vietnam was terrible, but the counterculture was a community in the truest sense. They had gathered together to listen to some peaceful music and defend their morals and maybe contribute one voice towards ending that war.

I have always been adamant about my morals. I am anti-war, no matter what the cause. I'm an environmentalist and find that there are few things more beautiful than untouched land. I possess all of those nice leftist positions in the liberal tote-bag, and thus I am commmodified. Yet ultimately, I truly do believe those things, and will fight peacefully for them by whatever means necessary. And so, the line is blurred between what is an honest, wholehearted political stance and

the generalization of the accoutrements of the hippie genre. We are not those idealistic kids who lived peacefully for three days on Yazgur's farm listening to Hendrix wail, and we are neither stardust nor golden. We have been cast aside by the ongoing modernity of civilization; we are so precariously tied to the earth that is so swiftly being eaten away.

We are no community; the disjointed political spectrum grows smaller with each new subscriber to apathy. Ultimately, I think it is the terminology that has been falsified, not the people and the ideology. People can try to convince me that

I'm simply idealistic, and that my acceptance of everyone, my hope for peace, and my love of the Earth will vanish as I grow more "practical."

But I know that I cannot step backwards. My mind will be in a different place, I know that; but it will never be behind where it is now. I know it isn't a show. I know that lives are more important than oil, that the earth is more important than the President's pockets and that all people in this country should live as they wish to live, and deserve their rights and their freedoms--all of them. And that, I know for a fact, is not idealism. It is "decency."

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Dorms get sudsy with help from RHA

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This year the dormitories have soap thanks to the work of one dedicated student. It was not something that just happened. A lot of work went into getting soap in the dormitory bathrooms--work done by Kim Nguyen '07.

It all started last year when Nguyen was living in the Hillcrest House, and her Resident Hall Advisor asked each of the residents for two dollars to buy soap for the bathroom.

Nguyen found it "ridiculous" that students had to pay for soap in addition to the high room-and-board costs.

Additionally, she did not believe it was the Resident Advisor's responsibility to go out and buy soap for their residents.

Nguyen talked to President Randy Helm to explain her beliefs regarding the necessity to have soap in the dormitory bathrooms.

To Nguyen's disappointment, Helm said that other schools similar in size and caliber to the College did not have soap in their dormitory bathrooms either.

Instead of focusing on the soap issue, President Helm decided to fund safety measures on campus.

Nguyen was not about to give up on her beliefs.

She used her position as a member of the Student

Council to voice her opinions and concerns to the Student Body. She wrote a resolution on why the College should have soap in the dormitory bathrooms. She called 15 schools similar to the College to find out if they had soap in their dormitory bathrooms. Much to Nguyen's satisfaction, 12 of the 15 schools said that they did, in fact, keep soap in the dormitory bathrooms. Nguyen added this information to her resolution and continued talking to the community.

At this time, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) also had a petition for soap in the bathrooms and hundreds of students had already signed it.

Nguyen put her resolution for soap, along with Schumacher's proposal and the RHA's petition all together.

"I met with Dean of Students, Dr. Rudy Ehrenberg, and he immediately started helping me out," said Nguyen.

Through Ehrenberg, Nguyen was able to meet with Joe Spirko, the Custodial Supervisor of the dormitories.

She was also able to meet with Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Housing Services, and Schumacher, to discuss the technicalities of putting

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Dr. Simon Priest began his duty as Dean of the Wescoe School at the College on Sept. 9, 2005. The Wescoe School is best known as the "evening college," in which non-traditional students are able to earn their degrees. Additionally, the Wescoe school is involved in community outreach, summer study, corporate training and accelerated courses.

Priest joins the College Community after serving as the Chief Executive Officer and President of virtual-teamworks.com, a website dedicated to improving the level of communication among various employees who work together only through the Internet.

As Dean, Priest's major obligation is to continue to make the college learning experience more accessible for adults throughout the Lehigh Valley.

"It is essential for the

The College's weekend program commemorates 9/11

By Sara Horowitz
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Sun., Sept. 11th, 2005 marked the four year anniversary of a day most everyone will never forget. The College Community dedicated this past weekend with various events to remember those who were lost on that day.

On Sunday evening at eight o'clock, a large number of students joined together. At the vigil, four students, one student representing each class, stood around the flag pole with a lit candle. The four students symbolized the four years since the attack on our nation, the four hijacked planes and the four College alumni that died that day.

Many other students and faculty members circled the flagpole and listened to the words of the College President Randy Helm, Student Body President Jared Fine '06 and College Chaplain Peter Bredlau.

Then, as the flag was raised, students lit their candles and listened as the College's three acapella groups; the Dynamics, Girls Next Door and Acafellas sang "God Bless America." After the flag was lowered, the students and faculty members who

came to the vigil to pay their respects were given a moment of silence and told "this is your time."

The candlelighting vigil was not the only way in which the community paid their respects. All weekend in Seegers Union, a guest book, or as Fine called it "a memory book" was placed on a podium where students could express his or her thoughts about the day and read what other students had written.

Also in Seegers Union, a television played an HBO documentary of Sept. 11th, 2001 through the eyes of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Chaplain Bredlau explained that "a group of students were also working on a slide show but because of technical difficulties were unable to show it at this time."

However, he hopes that next year the slide show will be ready. The students who worked on the slide show were also the students who helped plan this year's event.

Last year the candlelight vigil was held on a Saturday at eight o'clock in the morning and the attendance was minimal.

According to President Helm this was "not exactly a time of the week students

wanted to go to a memorial service."

This year's event was much easier to schedule on a Sunday and Chaplain Bredlau was "hopeful" for a better turn out.

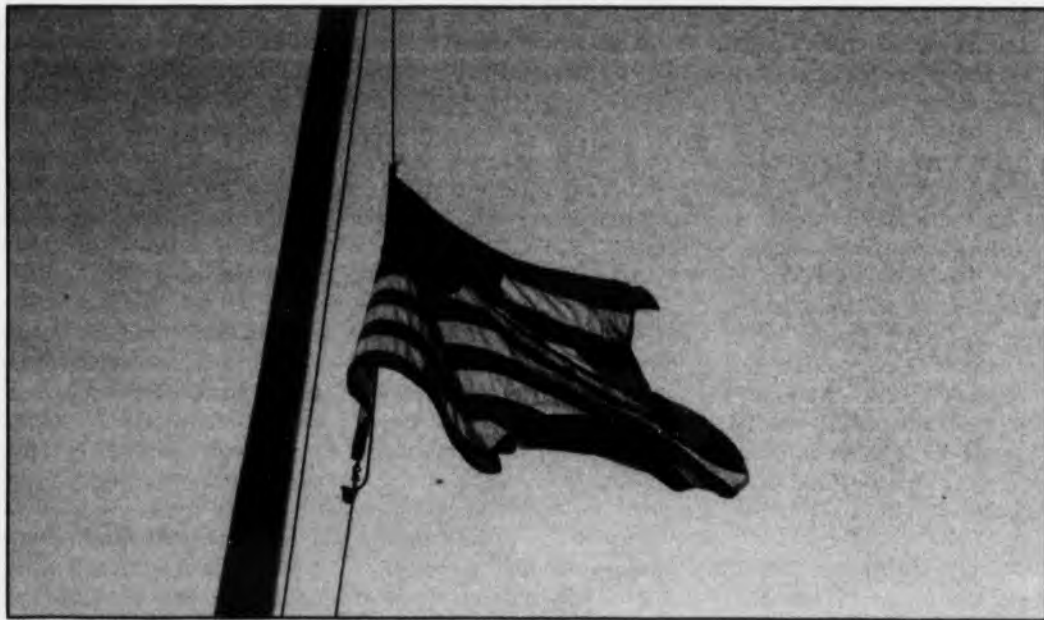
Fliers put up around campus helped to notify students of the service. Student council members also sent out emails to the College Community. Resident Advisors notified residents of the memorial service on Sunday.

Another event that took place was the ringing of the bell on Sunday morning. The clock tower bells were rung at 8:45, 9:03, 9:45 and 10:10. For one minute the bell chimed at five second intervals.

Those times symbolized the point at which the four planes crashed four years ago. Not only could the College Community hear this bell ring but so could the many residents that lived nearby the campus.

Chaplain Bredlau would like to see the 9/11 memorial service become "a yearly student-organized event with support from faculty."

He also hoped that the College Community would find the memorial service "quite meaningful yet brief--fitting for the four year anniversary of 9/11."



The College pays tribute memory of Sept. 11th, 2001.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Alcohol Amnesty Policy attempts to increase student safety

By Michael Dello Buono
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Prompted by an increase in alcohol-related emergencies over the past two semesters, an investigatory committee was assembled to access the current status of alcohol abuse at the College and to create effective solutions.

One possibility in particular aroused the interest of the two concerned, proactive students, Brian Galgano '08 and Blaine McFeeley '08.

The sentiment raised by the Alcohol Task Force was that there was a possibility of an increase in student safety if an alcohol amnesty policy was implemented.

This policy would

encourage intoxicated students in need of medical attention, as well as their concerned friends, to seek help immediately.

The two sophomores took initiative at the close of last semester.

They researched various amnesty policies currently in place at comparable institutions.

Some schools that currently have some form of amnesty policy include Lafayette and Keystone Colleges; Duke, Dartmouth, Vanderbilt and Cornell Universities, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Dean Rudy Ehrenberg reviewed the findings.

Over the summer a draft of a potential Muhlenberg College Medical Amnesty

Policy was completed.

One passage in the student handbook from the current draft reads, "A student who seeks emergency medical assistance related to his or her consumption of alcohol will be immune from sanctions for violating the College's Alcohol Policy provided that s/he completes a follow-up course of evaluation counseling and, if indicated, treatment. Failure to complete the prescribed course of evaluation and treatment may result in the imposition of sanctions under the College's

Social Code."

Support for this policy is by no means universal. Further leniency for underage drinking has been recognized by the Alcohol Task Force as a double-edged sword.

First, according to both Galgano and Student Body President Jared Fine '06, there is no easy way to judge the success rate of such a policy while the only quantifiable result is failure.

Fine professes that the Alcohol Task Force was split on the issue, and per-

sonally he is "neither for or against" [sic] such an amendment.

There is also a concern that students will use this policy as an excuse to abuse alcohol further, exacerbating the situation.

If this becomes the case, students may find themselves in a disagreeable situation with the Allentown Police Department.

If students abuse alcohol, and get caught, they

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As Americans have turned on television news stations for the past two weeks, information about Hurricane Katrina has been abundant.

This hurricane was one of the most destructive to ever hit the United States. Most of New Orleans, La. was

flooded, including many areas of the city which are below sea level. Five million people have lost their electricity, which may not be restored for another two months.

Also, much of this major city has been destroyed, and thousands have lost their lives.

Not only have the negative effects of the hurricane



Alcohol Amnesty hopes to make students feel safer on campus.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 5 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student hit a parked car on N. 23rd Street.

Sept. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student sprayed deodorant in the direction of the smoke detector in the Hillcrest House, causing it to go off.

Sept. 6 - Trespassing After Warning - Five juveniles were riding their bikes around campus and screaming obscenities at the dispatcher. Two were arrested.

Sept. 7 - Disorderly Conduct - A student in Martin Luther Hall was harassed by her ex-boyfriend over the Internet and on the phone.

Sept. 7 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A disabled Corvette was found in the Prosser Parking Lot.

Sept. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm went off in Robertson Hall, Suite 301, due to food left on the stove.

Sept. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An alarm in MacGregor Village was set off because of burnt popcorn.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - Burnt popcorn set the alarm off in Walz Hall.

Sept. 8 - Underage Consumption - Students in Benfer Hall were charged with underage possession when a Resident Advisor found a bottle of vodka in their suite.

Sept. 8 - Underage Possession of Alcohol - There was alcohol present on the second floor of Benfer. One student took

responsibility.

Sept. 8 - Underage Possession of Alcohol - Students in Benfer Hall were caught with alcohol and were referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm went off at 2245 Liberty Street due to cooking.

Sept. 9 - Hit and Run - A student's car was hit while parked in front of 2216 Chew Street.

Sept. 9 - Theft - A neighbor in 1E Oak at Tremont Apartments reported that door decorations were stolen from her. They have since been returned.

Sept. 9 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student backed up into another student's vehicle on N. 23rd Street.

Sept. 10 - Noise Complaint - A noise complaint was reported at 423 N. Leh Street. All four students living in the house were charged with disruptive conduct.

Sept. 11 - Underage Purchase - RAs found bottles of liquor on the first floor of Prosser. Students were charged with underage possession.

Sept. 11 - Institutional Vandalism - The glass door leading to the second floor of Seegers Union was broken.

Sept. 11 - Injured Student - A student in East Hall passed out and was bleeding from his chin. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 11 - Injured Student - Students were playing fris-

bee behind the Egner Memorial Chapel and two of them collided. One student suffered from a head laceration.

Sept. 11 - Theft - A student reported that her wallet was stolen from her room in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 11 - Sick Student - A student felt sick to her stomach and was taken from her room in East Hall by EMS.

Sept. 11 - Suspicious Activity - A student called Campus Safety and said that she thought an African American man in a faded yellow Mercedes was following her. She alleges that he followed her on N. 23rd Street and then turned onto Leh Street, which was when she started to run. She did not see him when she stopped running.

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are given "three strikes," meaning that they first have to report to a program called Choices and then to another program, Decisions, both of which explain the negative aspects of abusing alcohol. If a student is caught a fourth time then no matter what, he or she is not exempt from any penalties.

Despite the concern in taking a risk in changing the College's stance on punishing deviant behavior, the initial motive behind this policy is meant to outweigh the negatives. There are of course two sides to the issue, however the motive was one made to help the students who may be ill but fear the repercussions of getting help.

The increasing number of hospitalizations, which led to the necessity of the Alcohol Task Force in the

first place, may be indicative of the need for some attempt at reform.

Galgano and McFeeley agree that if only one life is saved as a result of these efforts, implementation would certainly seem justifiable. The fate of the Medical Amnesty Policy will soon rest in the hands of College President Randy Helm.

A recommendation on the matter from the Committee for Campus Life (CCL) is still pending.

A decision will most likely be reached within the span of two weeks. If the policy does indeed get the president's approval, it will be implemented on a one-year trial basis.

Followed by that there will be further deliberation on its successes or lack thereof. Students are supposed to feel safer in the community because of the efforts imposed by the Alcohol Task Force.

SOAP

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the soap in the dormitory bathrooms.

Schumacher researched soap companies and found one that would replace vandalized soap dispensers for free. After speaking with the companies, the soap dispensers were ordered.

"They [soap dispensers] are now in all the dorms that have common-room bathrooms: Prosser, Walz, Brown, Martin Luther and East," said Nguyen.

The soap placed in the bathrooms, conveniently contain a foam sanitizer

that does not even require students to use water in washing their hands.

Nguyen explained that her conscientiousness in working towards something she very strongly believed in paid off in the end.

According to Nguyen, "people complain, but they don't take action."

If you have the passion to fight for an issue that benefits the Student Body and you aren't afraid of people disagreeing with you, you have a right to fight for those who aren't able to and search for those people who will listen and hopefully help you."

GroupWise e-mail comes to campus

By Will Trevethick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The beginning of the fall semester brings a lot of noticeable changes to the College's campus, the most noticeable being the renovations outside of Seegers Union and the new meal plans.

One change that is not so noticeable, however, but may inevitably affect every student, is the introduction of a new e-mail system to replace the one that is currently used by upperclassmen. The new e-mail system, known as GroupWise 6.5, will slowly be phased in over the course of the semester.

It is not surprising that most upperclassmen are unaware of this e-mail system. At this time only the first-year students and a few other groups on campus are using GroupWise.

"The reason that only the first-year students are using the new system is because they do not need to switch over from the old one, which makes it easier for both students and the Office of Information Technology (O.I.T.)," said Rick Cohen '08, member of the

Technology Committee.

"Hopefully by winter break all of the students on campus will be using the new GroupWise system and a table should be in Seegers sometime later this semester to inform upperclassmen on how to set up their new e-mail," said Cohen.

GroupWise 6.5 is a far cry from the current e-mail system. It has many new features that could make life for students a little easier and the students don't have to change their current College e-mail address.

In addition to the normal functions of a typical e-mail system, GroupWise has a calendar to remind students of appointments they have made. It also has an automatic junk mail sorting function that will put unwanted e-mail into a separate folder. One new feature that many students may be glad to see, according to Cohen, is a sent mail folder.

In addition to what GroupWise presently offers, some possibilities for the future are an electronic ride board to coordinate rides, message boards and a calendar of

campus events.




According to Elana Toboul '07, who works in O.I.T., "The new system will be based on three separate servers instead of the one server that is used now, which will allow for faster service and more mailbox room."

Although the first-year students did not have the old e-mail system, early reactions towards the GroupWise system have been positive. "I like my new e-mail because it has all of the faculty's addresses in it and I think I am going to have my mail forwarded to my Muhlenberg account," said Dave Chorney '09.

According to Cohen, the old system needed to be replaced because it made e-mails hard to read and had limited options. With this new system students on campus will be given new opportunities that they never would have been able to have with the old email system.

Cohen thinks that with the integration of this new e-mail system will, "be a big step up and it will make communications a lot easier on campus."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 57	High: 78 Low: 56	High: 82 Low: 57

OFF CAMPUS

The old Colonial Theater land overturned to ARA

Allentown, Pa. - Two years after the original dispute of the property on which the old Colonial Theater once stood, the courts have finally reached a decision. Judge J. Brian Johnson granted legal possession to the Allentown Redevelopment Authority. The theater was condemned in 2003 by the local authority for dilapidated conditions.

The next move for the ARA will be to decide what to do with the space. That decision will come from both the authority with owns 80 percent of the plot and the county that owns the remaining 20 percent. But the primary venture for both parties will be one that is a tax-paying entity.

Gas prices dropping in the Valley

Lehigh Valley, Pa. - Last week gas prices in the Lehigh Valley fell to six cents below the county's average price.

However, Lehigh Valley remains to be one of the most expensive places for gas prices and prices are dropping at a slower than average rate.

The national average price of gas on Monday was \$2.97, 19 cents lower than the \$3.16 average gallon found in the Valley.

Gas prices will continue to drop but at a much slower rate than the rise of prices.

In October, it looks as though the price of gas in the Lehigh Valley will continue to decrease at a steady pace.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

To the Muhlenberg Community:

As I announced to the campus last month, Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg intends to retire after eleven years of distinguished service to the College. I have formed a search committee comprised of faculty, student, and staff representatives, and engaged Shelly Weiss Storbeck of A.T. Kearney, Inc. Executive Search Services to assist Muhlenberg with this important search. The search committee had its first meeting on Tuesday, September 6, to agree on a process, timeline, and to discuss the position. We agreed that campus input will be an important ingredient of a successful search process, and so I am writing to seek your advice.

The current job description (which we will likely revise after we receive your suggestions) is posted on the Dean of Students Search website at: <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/DeanSearch/> We encourage your comments on the job description, as well as your observations on the current state of student life and student services at Muhlenberg, specifically:

What are the selling points that would make the position of Dean of Students attractive to the best candidates?

What challenges will the next DOS face?

What qualities should the search committee look for as it evaluates candidates?

Faculty should share their comments directly with search committee members **Cathy Kim** or **Trevor Knox**.

Students should direct their thoughts to search committee member **Jared Fine**.

Staff should provide their input directly to search committee member **Chris Hooker-Haring**.

E-mail links to all search committee members are on the committee list that is part of the DOS Search website. The next two weeks will be crucial in our formulation of the job description and institutional profile for candidates, so please respond by September 22 to this opportunity if you are interested.

Finally, if you wish to nominate any candidates for the Dean of Students position, please send such nominations to Shelly Weiss Storbeck. Her e-mail link is on the DOS Search site.

Many thanks,

Randy Helm
President

WEEKLY

*Life!***"Some of the worst mistakes of my life have been haircuts."****- Jim Morrison**

Hip-hop hits the College

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Rennie Harris stood a head above every dancer that stood in the room. To begin his Hip Hop Rhythm, History & Theory workshop Harris gave background information about himself and hip-hop. Harris began dancing professionally at the age of 13. He formed his first dance company at 14, which he disbanded in 1992 in order to form his current company, Rennie Harris Puremovement.

Harris explained that he does not consider "hip-hop" in the media to be true hip-hop. Honor and respect are fundamental ideals of hip-hop proper that the jazzified hip-hop in music videos has lost.

Harris began his master class on that Saturday with what he calls a soul warm-up. With feet in parallel second position, the students bounced on the balls of their feet trying to find the base rhythm in which all hip-hop movement exists. The base rhythm compares to the heartbeat. In hip-hop you do not count measures of eight, but instead you match all of your steps to the base beat.

After the soul warm-up, the students stood to one side of the room watching Harris as he traveled across the floor. Harris easily scurried along the floor on his hand and feet. The skill necessary for this movement became apparent when

students of the College tried to mimic it. They found it difficult to move quickly without standing upright because such movement is not common in ballet, modern and jazz dance.

Next, Harris got into a push-up position and moved across the floor using his shoulders and arms. His shoulders rippled, reacting to his rapid transfer of weight from one arm to the next. The hip-hop rhythm appeared through his body as he bent one elbow and dropped that shoulder, then transferred the movement across his scapula to the opposite arm, creating waves across the surface of the floor.

"Kick, kick, cross, kick, kick, cross," Harris instructed as he demonstrated a jig-like combination. The jig found its way into the hip-hop repertoire through the intermarriage of Black and Irish. "Hip-hop is the god of dance," said Harris because it receives inspiration from all movement styles. In New York City, everyone partied together, taking their dance experience and training to clubs. Hip-hop dancers would watch all these people and then translate the movement into their own bodies; however, once the hip-hop dancer takes on the movement it changes and becomes uniquely his own.

At 8:00 p.m. Harris performed "Prince ScareKrows Road to the Emerald City," a work in progress, in Baker Theatre. Harris always per-



Students who attended Rennie Harris' dance workshop practice some of his moves on the floor.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

fects a piece before presenting it to an audience. Many of his works are in progress for years before coming to the stage. Therefore, by presenting a work that still needs revision, Harris challenged himself to use feedback from the audience to develop his piece.

"Prince ScareKrow" is an evening length solo that examines three periods in Harris' life: the lost years, confusion and the dark ages. These periods tell the story of Harris'

journey to Emerald City, Philadelphia, where he currently resides.

Harris began by examining his family and childhood. Positioned in a circular spotlight at the center of the stage, Harris mimicked the awkwardness of his brother's body as his recorded voice informed the audience, "I have a brother with cerebral palsy and he's mentally

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD DO ONE THING OVER IN YOUR MUHLENBERG EXPERIENCE WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"I would have gotten off campus more."

-Rick Cohen '08



"Breaking up with my girlfriend before freshman year."

- Rob Brennen '07



"I would have worked harder and continued with my Spanish so I could go to Seville, Spain."

-Kate Hullfish '07



"I would get really jacked and pound brews all day."

-Chris May '08



"I would have lived in a co-ed dorm freshman and sophomore year."

-Lauren McKalain '07

Compiled by
Erin McGroarty

For your viewing pleasure

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

As students can see, the Garden Room in Seegers Union has gone through a number of changes since May. There is red and silvery gray paint on the walls, as well as new carpeting. A faux antique timepiece has replaced the clock and a touch of class has been added to the otherwise standard cafeteria tables by red cloth napkins gracing their center spot.

In the General's Quarters, there has also been new space added for meetings and eating. These changes correspond with the College's desire to promote a new atmosphere in these areas, as well as on the entire campus.

Some students want to contribute to this new atmosphere by displaying student artwork along the walls of the General's Quarters and the Garden Room. For the past month Kim Nguyen '07, has been working with Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Events, to make this idea a reality.

The old artwork previously decorating the stark walls have already been removed. Nguyen and Gerchman hope to start displaying student artwork soon; all they need are willing artists.

Nguyen hopes that some of the pieces can be rotated so that a larger quantity of artwork can be shown to the Student Body. She announced with enthusiasm that this "could be great for adding a new type of atmosphere." Obviously, this atmosphere is directed toward student involvement, creativity and self-expression.

So far, there have been many photographs, primarily focusing on nature, decorating the hallways and corridors of the College's academic buildings. Some of these photographs even include snapshots of the College. However, as long as the artwork can be hung

up on walls, all art is welcome; there are no content requirements or restrictions on the pieces.

Nguyen has expressed a desire for some larger art pieces as well, so that the student artwork can collectively cover all of the selected walls.

However, it is advised for student artists to realize that there is always the possibility of damage or harm to their artwork. People involved in the project want it to be understood that showing respect to the artwork is a way of showing respect towards the students and the College.

This project is open to all students, not just the art majors and minors. Anyone willing to express themselves artistically, no matter their skill level, is welcome.

"I think it is very important to take advantage and embrace the talent the Student Body had to offer," said Nguyen.

Funding for this project was a large issue in determining the success or failure of it. Since the individual artists will not be charged for the materials needed to display their pieces, no money will be collected.

If everything goes according to plan, we should soon see student artwork in the back room of the General's Quarters and the Garden Room. It will be a welcome addition to the College's atmosphere, showing the talents of its creative students. It will be a project that students and faculty will enjoy.



Courtesy of Microsoft Clip Art

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



The 40 Year-Old Virgin

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Cry Wolf

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Just Like Heaven

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Red Eye

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Transporter 2

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Man

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Lord of War

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

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i'm lovin' it

Wade in some laughs with Joshua

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

As the audience sat in the Red Door listening to comedian Josh Wade tell them about the crack head that lives in his doorway, perhaps they couldn't help but wonder how fearless a person must be to stand up in front of a room full of strangers and make fun of themselves. Many would think they could never do it, but on Fri., Sept. 9, Wade pulled it off flawlessly. Performing to a full house, he took time to talk to his audience, even including them in his act.

Wade stole the audience right off the bat, giving his native "Jersey brethren" a giant air hug. Now living in New York City, he immediately found a fellow New Yorker and befriended him, occasionally pinning him up against the only West-Coaster in the house and the sole Berg'er from Delaware. When someone's cell phone rang during the show, Wade simply worked it into the act. When a small group of people got up and left before the night was over, he merely pointed them out to the rest of the audience. "Hope this is uncomfortable for you," he joked.

Between telling stories of his adventures in his "brand-new" 1991 Honda Accord, to expressing his desires for an Ewok to cuddle with, Wade had the crowd doubled over in laughter all night. One of the crowd's favorite parts of the night

was his justification for why he was recently in the hospital. It seems that he had some trouble getting the straw into his Capri Sun. He then went into a full-fledged explanation of how Capri Sun came to be as a product, and after the laughter died down, more than one person was left thinking to themselves, "Why did they think putting juice into a metal bag would be a good idea?"

Wade kept his audience on their feet by offering very blunt transitions between jokes. One minute he would be talking about the sheer absurdity of owning a tiger, and then without missing a beat he would declare, "You know what's awesome? Finding money in your jacket." His comic timing was perfection, as was the enthusiastic response he received from the audience.

After the show many people had the chance to talk to Wade, and found out that not only was he funny, but he was also a very personable guy. The standard questions were asked-- "Where do you get your material?" and "How did you get your start?"--all of which he answered graciously.

When it comes to writing his material, he often takes it from personal experience, but adds an imaginative spin to it.

"I improv a lot on stage," he told his fans. "I test out a joke and then keep the funny parts."

You would never know that Wade has only been doing stand-up for



Comedian Josh Wade wowed his audience on Friday night with his originality and spunk.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS KARCZMARCIK

five years. He started in college after his roommate pushed him to try it after being subjected to joke after joke. At the first open mic Wade went to, he chose to sit back and watch instead of performing.

He thought, "I could do better than these guys. No one was funny."

This comedian always keeps a pad of paper in his pocket, just in case inspiration comes to him while he's on the go. And when asked what he would be doing if he wasn't a comedian, he simply answered, "I'd be in trouble."

In an attempt to keep the interview light, I asked the age old question "boxers or briefs?" Well ladies, it turns out that if you open Josh Wade's underwear drawer, you will find pair after pair of nothing but Calvin Klein boxer briefs--all black.

Overall, the comedic performance held in the Red Door Friday night was a landslide success. Josh Wade received tremendous applause and it was obvious that the Student Body more than appreciated his performance. Look out, you may just see him next on Saturday Night Live!

A 'How To' on avoiding heartbreak

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

As an informed woman on this campus, I know about the sex scene at the College. Through my experiences and talking with my friends and peers, I've learned how to be smart and safe about sex. It is not just about using condoms. There are many more ways in which you need to be prepared. You need to make sure you are ready emotionally for one-night hook-ups and/or casual sex, and for its after-effects.

There are a lot of misconceptions out there that keep people on college campuses from practicing safe sex. One such misconception I used to hear all the time from my ex-boyfriend, and it drove me crazy. If you are a girl, carrying your own condoms DOES NOT make you a slut. It makes you a smart, responsible woman who cares about her sexual health. Who knows, you might not even need one, but a friend might and you can save them a lot of

worry the next morning by slipping them a rubber just in case.

A night of drinking can cloud your mind and make just about anybody look like some kind of Grecian god. If you're going to hook-up, here's some information I wish I knew when I was a first-year student: the person you are drunkenly groping with will most likely NOT want to have a serious relationship with you, even if they can remember your name the next day. Sure, they might say they have thought you were really hot from sitting behind you in Micro or that you are the most beautiful girl in school, but this is mostly talk inspired by their friend Jack Daniels or Jose Cuervo, or a little thing called beer.

From my experience, most people in college are not looking for long-term relationships and that's fine. But as an individual on this campus,

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you need to prepare yourself mentally and emotionally for rejection. I am not saying that the people on this campus are just looking to hook up and want nothing else to do with you, but some people are and you need to be prepared for this. You need to protect your heart.

You will eventually meet people who want a relationship, someone who you have spent time with and where a hook-up will lead to a lasting romance. The four years you spend at college are going to be some of the best and most exhilarating times of your entire life. Be laid back and open to new experiences and people, but don't get too emotionally involved with someone you barely know after one night of passion.

If you know that you become easily attached or involved, try staying away from the hook-up scene. It's often said that just when you're not looking for it, the thing you want most pops into your life. Focusing on other things such as schoolwork

and friends, clubs and extracurricular activities may give you that sense of contentment and satisfaction, and may open a door for that special person to finally realize that they want to be with you.

The guy or girl you hook up with during the first weekend of school will most likely not end up being your significant other come Christmas break. Unfortunately, that's just how it is.

Try to get to know a person before hooking up. Spend sober time together. This will lead to a clearer, more enjoyable experience for both parties.

Most importantly, do not give up on finding that special guy or girl. On our tiny campus, the quest for that special person can be difficult and frustrating. And although it is sappy and often stated, realize that to be completely happy, you have to be happy with yourself first. How can you ever appreciate someone else; if you can not even appreciate your own wonderful attributes?

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

It's going to be a long day. You know that, I know that, everyone knows that. So the best thing to do is to just relax, take it slow and mellow out. Put on some Grateful Dead, turn up the stereo and just watch television until your eyes roll back into your head and sleep takes over your body. That sounds relaxing doesn't it? Hey, I almost forgot to mention, don't you have a term paper due in like, three hours? Get to work!

Taurus

You're not fat, Taurus, you just think you are. Besides the ridiculous body image imposed on the female gender by both media and shallow popular opinion, there is the recent and increasing fad in weight loss trends, which only compound the terrible self-image you're harboring. My advice? Be happy with who you are, I mean, come on, you look great. So forget the exercise routines, vegan diet and have some ice cream.

Gemini

Man, you seriously need to cut out the PDA. It's gotten to an almost epidemic level with you. There's not a moment you're not flirting, kissing, hugging, making-out, doing the horizontal mambo or propositioning a poor, innocent freshman. Dude, normally, it wouldn't be that bad, but you've got a girlfriend who loves you. That's a rare thing, dear Gemini. Buy your significant other some flowers.

Cancer

Relationships are not your strong point, impetuous Cancer. Stop jumping into things that you know are doomed to failure. Sure, you may think she likes you, but there are some tell-tale signs she's just not that into you. First off, she's blocked you on AIM, blocked your phone number, and filed a restraining order--all in the same day. If that weren't enough, she's returned every single flower bouquet. Better luck next time.

Leo

Your life has begun to resemble the cult classic film *Animal House*. That crazy dean is constantly stopping you cockamamie schemes and senseless drunken debauchery. Your friends all have hilarious and anachronistic nicknames like D-Day or Bluto. It may sound fun and all, but eventually, your life's going to resemble an HBO documentary on binge drinking.

Virgo

So how'd your date go, intrepid Virgo? Did she enjoy your company, your witty, romantic charm? How about the flowers? Did she like the flowers? Was dinner good? I bet it was excellent. Come on, don't skimp on the details! You are in store for some prime lovin' this season. Keep your stellar mo-jo intact and wait for Cupid's arrow to strike you.

Libra

The hands of fate are suspended precariously over your head. The next week will be full of rife with turmoil and inner struggle. It's a good time to stay indoors and ponder the meaning of your life. Sure, some might think you to be the greatest intellectual alive, or some kind of god, but you're probably just another unremarkable person. Oh, and good luck with that inner turmoil thing we discussed earlier.

Scorpio

Have you ever heard of karma, Scorpio? Well, basically, it means that what goes around, comes around. So if your life is pretty bad right now, understand that it's probably because of that poor koala bear. You recall stealing that baby koala bear from the zoo, don't you? Sure you gave it back, but you had no right to take it from its natural habitat on the sole urge 'to feed it Eucalyptus.' In essence, you deserve what's coming to you.

Sagittarius

Your computer troubles are over. Unfortunately, they're over because your laptop caught fire and dissolved in an amorphous puddle of flames and wires. I don't think the Office of Technology can help with this because, if memory serves correctly, they'll get around to fixing your problem sometime next year. Okay, I'm being bitter, OIT is quite wonderful for solving all your computational needs.

Capricorn

You really are quite the entrepreneur, aren't you, enterprising Capricorn? Taking all those cardboard boxes out of the garbage bin and assembling them into a makeshift couch was pure genius. So what if it smells a little and is driving all members of the opposite sex from your room? And if rats start chilling out in your room, attracted to the smell of rotting refuse, so what? They're just like friends, only smaller and furrrier.

Aquarius

Your sex life is non-existent. Sorry to embarrass you by saying so, but chances are, you already knew. So how do you go about mending this situation? If you're female, you can start a great off-campus job at Hooters--sure to bring you hot wings and considerable interest from the opposite gender. If you're a male, you can learn to play guitar. Girls love guys who play the guitar. Good luck!

Pisces

You should go fishing. It's only natural, seeing as your sign is that of the twin fishes. There's nothing quite as relaxing as sitting out on the lake, a fishing pole in one hand and a cold alcoholic beverage in the other. (That is assuming you're 21.) Just remember to catch and release when you're done. It helps to keep the fish population up, and well, it's just cruel otherwise.

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retarded." Harris remained in one place during most of this section, his movement rife with the anguish of his memories. Sometimes he would sink his forehead into the ground and move a single arm in waves and ticks as if it were separate from the rest of his body. At one point the recorded Harris said, "I realized that molestation is as American as apple pie. Do you want a piece?" as the live Harris offered the audience an intangible piece with open palms.

Often while Harris danced, his face was contorted into pained, open-mouthed expressions. When asked during the question and answer session after the performance if these expressions were a choreographic choice, Harris answered, "No, I just dance that way." When not dancing, Harris rarely shows expression, but while dancing he feels comfortable enough to let emotion come into his face. All the emotion Harris collects rushes out in intense waves, washing over the audience as he dances. To Harris, hip-hop provides an outlet for expressing pain, angst and anger.

The texture of the piece changed as Harris exploded into movement to his own remix of System of A Down's "Chop Suey!". Fog crept towards the rectangular spotlight from the wings and red and blue beams of light flashed, surrounding Harris as the speed of his movement increased rapidly. After this climax, the quality of the dance returned to that of the beginning of the piece.

The last images shown were of victims of Hurricane Katrina. Harris faced the images and reached his hands towards them with his palms flexed like a mime imagining a brick wall. When asked why he included the pictures of Katrina victims, Harris answered, "We're not as far as we think we are as humans." The images of the poor black population of New Orleans, La. after Katrina illustrated the unequal treatment of blacks and whites that still exists in this country.

The images of displaced children, the squalor of the Superdome, hoards of people whose material existence had been washed away allowed Harris to elevate Prince ScareKrow's journey from a personal to a universal level.



Rennie Harris demonstrates one of his techniques on the dance room floor.

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Weist proves a humble and dynamic player

Mule Profile--Jen Weist

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A two-year captain of the volleyball team, Weist's hard work and endless optimism are the backbone of a team ready to make an impact this season.

A four year varsity letter-winner, Weist has come a long way since making the team as a walk-on defensive specialist her first year.

A two-time Players' Player Award winner, she entered the 2005 season ranked second on the all-time list for digs per game (4.6) and first for digs in a season (538).

Weist surpassed another milestone in the first two games of this season by recording her 1,000th dig. She had 1,096 digs at press-time, ranking fifth on the All-Time list.

Originally from Leesport, Pa., Weist was a three-year varsity letter winner at Schuylkill Valley High School in volleyball.

As a setter, she led her team to the district playoffs her junior year, received All-Division honors twice and was named team MVP as a senior. At the College, Weist made the switch from setter to defensive, specialist (libero), and hasn't looked back.

After seeing some playing time as a first-year player, Weist stepped into the role as the team's top libero in 2003, ranking fourth in the

Centennial Conference in digs and setting the record for digs in a five game match with 38, which she tallied against McDaniel College.

Weist's junior season she was ranked fourth in the Centennial Conference for digs (193) for the second time and fifth in digs per game (5.36).

She was also third on the team in aces (26) and led the team in digs in 17 of 24 matches played.

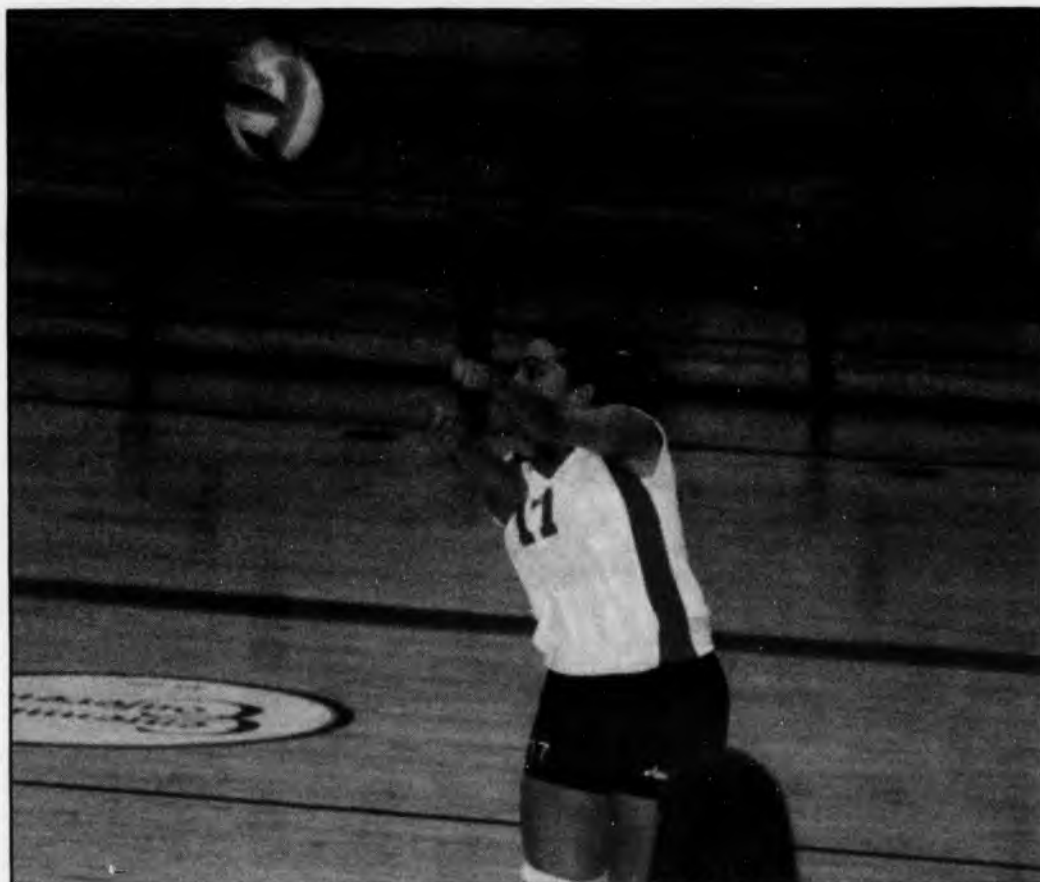
When asked to compare this year to previous seasons, Weist noted many differences.

"It was a unique experience my freshman year. I only played a little because we had a lot of experienced seniors," said Weist, "That changed dramatically my sophomore year when we only had freshman playing beneath us and we were the experienced players."

"Junior year was the first year I could serve, so that kept me in for an extra rotation and we had more depth as team," said Weist. "Well, this year is awesome compared to other years. Our team has matured so much physically and mentally. So far this looks to be a great season."

A Math major looking to get a secondary education certification, Weist hopes to teach at the middle school level following graduation.

Weist was named to the Centennial Conference



Senior Jen Weist, who is now 5th in the colleges record books for digs, serves up a ball to her teammates, who won the Buttermaker Tournament last weekend.

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Academic Honor Roll three times, showing her leadership on and off the court. In addition to volleyball, she has been a Resident Advisor for the past two years. She is also currently a Resident Liason and an active member of the Campus Christian Fellowship.

Certain to have another successful statistical season herself, Weist has high hopes for this year's squad.

"One of our goals is to definitely make it to the Centennial Conference playoffs, considering we've fallen short the past three years, and our ultimate goal is to win the Conference."

Reflecting back on her past four years at the College, Weist names her parents and teammates as major factors in her success. "My dad's really the reason I do play volleyball in col-

lege. I gained his love for the game and he and my mom have always supported me to no end. They come to all of our matches."

"It's also been really nice to share this experience with Mary Henning and Julie Lauro [fellow senior co-Captains], who have been everywhere I've been. It's been a rollercoaster ride. Now we're finally at the top," said Weist.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Gymnasiums were introduced in 900 BC and Greek athletes practiced in the nude to the accompaniment of music. They also performed naked at the Olympic Games."

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MEN'S SOCCER

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first goal of the day off a cross from Ramirez.

Two minutes later, Pitetti almost scored again, but this time we gave the ball to King who scored his fifth goal in three games.

Less than five minutes later, Sophomore Karim Assous crossed the ball again, but this time Pitetti held onto it and headed it in for his second goal of the game. During this contest, Pitetti doubled his career total of one goal with two goals on the same day.

Looking forward to the Hopkins game Pitetti said, "We spanked Moravian today. We had complete possession during the entire game and it highlights what we plan to do next

weekend against Hopkins."

"We're going in undefeated and have been working really well together," Pitetti said. "We have lots of confidence which increases our excitement."

"Beating them my freshman year was amazing, but losing to them twice last year really stung. We're excited to start the Conference games off by playing them on our home field," said Junior Blake Grannell.

The team is 4-0 for the first time since 1994 and has an 11-game winning streak dating back to last season. The Mules' next game is on Saturday at 3 p.m. They will open Centennial Conference play with a home game against Johns Hopkins.

This could prove to be a challenging game for the Mules; Hopkins has a 5-0 undefeated record this season.



Junior Forward LisaAnn Polt breaks away from the pack before she scored the two winning goals.

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Mules break even after weekend games

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend, the Mules proved that they could survive and win on both turf and grass fields.

Typically the Mules find themselves having a tough time when playing on grass; however, last Saturday this was not the case as they dominated Ithaca College as they won, 2-0.

"We practiced on the grass a lot the week before our game. This definitely helped our game against Ithaca," said Senior Stephanie Light.

"The team dynamic has definitely improved this year, everyone puts that extra practice or run in, which makes a huge difference. Despite our loss against SUNY, we are optimistic that we are ready for our Conference games," said Light.

The Mules' win was followed by a tough 3-0 loss to SUNY Oneonta. Junior LisaAnn Polt scored two goals, nearly one right after the other, during the second half against Ithaca.

The goals were actually two minutes apart; the first came after a scramble in front of the cage, when finally after hitting several sticks inside the circle, Polt tapped it in.

The second goal was scored directly off a long hit from Sophomore Nikki

Rhoads. Polt almost had a hat trick, but her first-half score hit her foot before going in and was disallowed.

"During the first game, Ithaca played a big ball game, so after the first half we picked it up and worked as a team unit. We decided to play the small ball game and remained patient with the grass. After a while our patience and the small ball game paid off and everything came together," said Polt.

Junior Lauren Schram made six saves for her second consecutive shutout. During the Oneonta College game, fatigue played its part in the Mules defeat. However, this loss was not looked upon as a negative.

"We were extremely disappointed about the game because we know we didn't play our best; we weren't playing together and played as though we were tired. Hopefully we can learn from it and use what we learned in the Conference games when it really matters. This is more of a learning experience than anything else. The fact that we were able to win on grass though is a clear improvement from last year, which makes us very optimistic for making it to the Conference playoffs," said Senior Adrienne Verbich.

The Mules next game is on Saturday at 1 p.m. away at Montclair State College.

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Cancellations and stagnation creates frustration



Freshmen Defender Heather Scudellari steals the ball from her opponent.

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By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Despite the cancellation of Wednesday's game against Centenary College, the Mules went into Saturday's game strong.

After suffering some tough losses in the past two weeks, the Mules rallied together and held the game to a scoreless tie.

The Mules battled the Scranton Royals at home, where they dominated the first half of the game. They played strong and kept the ball in the Royals territory for most of the time.

The Mules will rely heavily upon the team's seniors for guidance this year stated Junior Kristen Cioeta. The seniors have already delivered, like when Senior Amy Schmidt had a fierce shot on goal late in the first half. The ball was deflected by a Scranton defender. Senior Katie Amari kicked eight corner kicks during the first half, none of which the Mules could capitalize.

The team was not very comfortable with the new plays on Saturday, but the team hopes they will soon become

familiar with such moves.

"The team generally isn't well in the air, but we were taking chances and playing well off of the kicks," said Amari about their offensive strategies.

Sophomore Maura Hendsey said, "The team plays really well together." Indeed, the Mules' entire team complemented each other well during the game on Saturday.

The defense worked hard to block Scranton's ten shots on goal, while the front line, including Junior Andrea Dello Russo, Sophomore Maria Tranguch and Junior Elana Rabinowitz fought the Royals with a solid nine shots on goal. Junior goalie Kayla Boisvert had a tremendous seven saves during the game.

After the two 45 minute halves, the score was still left at a 0-0 tie. The two teams fought through two ten minute overtime periods, but it still ended in a complete shut out for both.

Once again, the Mules showed everyone that they really know how to work.

The Mules next game is a Conference game away at McDaniel College at 1 p.m.

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Golf takes 10th in Virginia

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend, the Mules placed tenth in a pool of 15 teams at the Kinder Memorial Tournament at Lakeview Golf Course in Harrisonburg, Va.

The Mules' top finisher was Junior Patrick Moyle, who shot in the high 70s for both rounds to tie for 15th place. He had a score of 155 for two rounds. Coincidentally, this was also 15 strokes behind the tournament's medalist, Senior Grady Ruckman from Bridgewater College.

Senior Chris Walach followed close-

ly behind Moyle with a score of 158. Senior Brian Farrelly and Freshman Bill Snow ended in a tie at 165.

"It was a good learning experience for us to go down South where they are able to play all year long. It makes the competition much stiffer and it makes us better," said Farrelly.

"Overall, we played a pretty good tournament, we played better the first day. It was great to see Bill, a freshman, perform so well in the tournament. It gives hopes for the future of the team," said Farrelly.

The Mules next tournament this fall is Tuesday at Franklin & Marshall College.

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as well. The scores were 30-26, 30-19, 30-15. With their ticket punched for the finals, they waited anxiously to start their game.

The match was supposed to start at 4 p.m. but after long matches beforehand, the Mules started an hour and 45 minutes later.

With the adrenaline running, it was a close and nerve-racking game. After trailing early, Weist served back-to-back aces and put the Mules in the lead. The game was then back and fourth with seven lead changes.

With great net play by Juniors Courtney Williams and Julia Lamborn and excellent serving by Junior Kate Haggerty (four aces) and Weist (five aces), they were able pull off the all-

important first game win 30-23.

"Everyone on the team worked well together and they pulled out their win and the championship, winning the last two games 30-27, 30-17," stated Weist.

It was the first time since 2001 that the College has won the Buttermaker Tournament.

Based on the perfection this past weekend Lamborn stated her expectations for the rest of the season.

"Our goal has been to make it to Conferences for a long time and now that we finally have a full roster this goal seems more attainable then ever before. With everyone playing together, its definitely attainable. This weekend gave us the confidence to know that we really can accomplish that goal we just now have to go out and prove it."

The team's next game is Thursday against Moravian College at 7:00 p.m. on

Last Week's Wrap-Up

Field Hockey (FH)

9/6 MC 1 Moravian 0
9/10 MC 2 Ithaca 0
9/11 MC 0 Oneonta 3

9/9 MC 3 Pitt

-Greensburg 0

9/10 MC 3 Dickinson 0
9/10 MC 3 Penn State-Altoona 0

Men's Soccer (MS)

9/7 MC 2 Wilkes 0
9/10 MC 6 Moravian 1

Women's Soccer (WS)

9/7 MC vs. Centenary-Cancelled

9/10 MC 0 Scranton 0

Volleyball (VB)

9/2 MC 3 Albright 0

Next Contests

CC 9/17 @ Cedar Crest 10
FH 9/14 @ Scranton 7
9/17 @ Montclair St.
FB 9/17 VS UNION 7
MS 9/17 @ Johns Hopkins 3
WS 9/14 vs Messiah 7
9/17 @ McDaniel 1

Men's Tennis 9/17 @ Haverford
Men's Golf 9/19 @ F & M 1
VB 9/15 vs Moravian 7

Bold= Home Game

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Buttermaker Tournament: *Mules were perfection for twelve straight sets*

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After coming off a good performance at the Moravian Greyhound Premiere Invitational, the Mules benefited with the use of home-court advantage. One word can describe how well the Buttermaker Tournament went for the Mules: "perfect".

The Mules showed off their new white uniforms while they breezed their way through the tournament without losing a game. In an impressive manner, the women won 12 consecutive games.

Their first win was against Albright College. Smashing hits kept coming from the second-time Tournament MVP and Senior co-Captain Julie Lauro, who had fifteen kills. Sophomore Jess Anselmi followed with ten kills. The College won the first game 30-19.

The next two games were a little closer. With the College down 24-26, Senior co-Captain Mary Henning served two aces in a stretch of five points to take the lead and win the game 30-28.

Albright College seemed to be down and out in the third game, losing 24-13. With a timeout taken, Albright regrouped and eventually came back to make the score 28-27. The Mules finished off the match 30-27.

After a break, the Mules took the court against the Pitt-Greensburg Bobcats. Freshman Megan Eiser served the first six points and took an early 6-1 lead. The Mules never looked back and won the first game 30-17.

The rest of the match was a blowout with the 'Berg winning the next two matches 30-23 and 30-13. In that game, Senior co-Captain Jen Weist collected 16 digs,



The Mules volleyball team proudly presents their trophy for winning the Buttermaker Tournament last weekend.

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which moved her up to fifth on the Colleges all-time dig list with 1,072 digs.

On Saturday, the Mules

came to the courts early to take on Centennial Conference rival Dickinson College.

Dickinson was no contest as the Mules defeated them

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Senior Defender Adam Millberg controls the ball and field as he leads the Mules to an easy 6-1 victory over Moravian College

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Mules send Greyhounds to pound

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Thanks to the men's soccer team, the College has taken a 2-0 lead in the Matte Award standings.

The Mules did more than just beat Moravian College when they beat them 6-1 on Saturday.

The six goal first half was the most goals they scored in a half since they scored eight against Centenary College in 2001. The six goals scored were the most ever against Moravian.

Just over 12 minutes into the

game, the Mules got started when Sophomore Wesley Deininger scored off a pass from Sophomore Jonathan Kliever.

Less than two minutes later Senior Jose Ramirez scored off an assist from Senior Chris King. Senior James Henshaw scored his first goal of the season off a long pass from King.

King had a goal and two assists on the day. Henshaw is now tied for 14th in team history with 24 goals. In the thirty-seventh minute of the game, Senior Matt Pitetti scored his

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College to reevaluate credit system

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Recent discussions between the faculty and administration have brought to the forefront certain issues pertaining to changes in academic life and core requirements. Provost Marjorie Hass has brought up the discussion whether it is in the College's best interest to change the graduation requirement from 34 to 32 course units.

With levying the curriculum from 34 to 32 course units, it would enable students and faculty alike more time to participate in other non-classroom oriented opportunities. As detailed under the strategic plan, this change, combined with the proposed increase in faculty, might result in an adjustment of the teaching load and redeployment of faculty time for more substantial engagement in learning other than tradi-

tional classroom material.

"If the College decided to go this route, one possibility would be to free up time for engagement in student/faculty collaborative research. Currently the demands of the faculty is very time consuming, and it is harder to be involved now in these such possibilities because they are more constrained," Hass said. "The idea would be to give students learning opportunities which are not traditionally found in the classroom."

At the College, in order to graduate a student has to have completed 34 course units. The 34 units are divided evenly (1/3 each) between General Education, the Major and Elective requirements.

The curriculum at the College has constantly made minor adjustments since the late 1980s when the current curriculum was implemented; few major

changes have taken place since. One such major change was in the general education requirement; each student now has to take a First Year Seminar (FYS) and the Diversity perspective.

In order for an academic requirement to change, or for a major change to occur at the College, it is necessary for Hass to first bring the item up for discussion among the faculty and then the administration.

After the item has been brought up, it is necessary for the various academic policy committees and the faculty to meet and discuss the various issues and come back to Hass with their suggestions.

According to Hass it is a very "deliberative" issue, and this is something that will not change over night. There are many other

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Search for new Dean of Students begins

By Jessie Huston
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Over the years, Dean Rudy Ehrenberg has been an important presence to the students at the College. He is constantly in contact with the student body, whether it is to help students reach goals as a campus or to stop and chat on Academic Row.

Since Ehrenberg is retiring at the end of this semester, a Dean of Students Search Committee has been appointed and the search for a new Dean of Students is underway. The Search Committee was appointed by both President Randy Helm and Student Body President Jared Fine '06. Helm appointed the faculty and staff and Fine chose the students.

Helm asked all staff who report to the Dean of Students what the Search Committee should look for during the search process. Weiss Storbeck of A.T.

Kearney, Inc. Executive Search Services was hired to evaluate why the position of Dean of Students at the College is rewarding and to assess what kinds of challenges the next Dean of Students would face.

A website was posted so that students and faculty could contribute to the search. Students, faculty and staff can report any feedback about what kind of Dean of Students they want to be hired. Helm said "A lot of his [Dean Ehrenberg's] qualities, I feel, have become very important as a Dean of Students."

A series of advertisements were placed in national publications such as *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Hispanic Outlook*.

An Institutional Profile of Muhlenberg College was sent to the candidates for

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Senior shuttle takes off

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Many students remember the first time they took the College shuttle service. No first year experience would be complete without at least one encounter with Stephen Goosky, also known as Shuttle Steve, and his band of able-bodied bus drivers. Those minutes of anticipation as you watch the shuttle comes into sight, the awkward glances you share with the countless other students huddled around you, the instant that you begin to

shuffle forward awkwardly in an attempt to get the best seat on the bus are all moments of the quintessential first-year experience. This semester, though, 21 year-old students will be able to relive their first-year days.

A new form of the shuttle service has been proposed and this service will provide transportation for 21 year-old students on three select days throughout the semester. The shuttle will run

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Shuttle Steve prepares for the new shuttle system.

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City dwellers need street smarts

Despite the fact that the College is located in a very comfortable suburb, it is well known, especially to the College's upperclassmen, that our campus is not untouched by crime. In the past, the College has experienced months where article after article appeared in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* about dangerous incidents that directly affected students. Four weeks into this semester, the College has already experienced two occurrences that make some students wary about their safety on and around campus.

Obviously then, we live in an environment that is not immune to crime. However, understanding how to properly deal with dangerous situations is something with which not all students are familiar. Over this past weekend, an incident occurred in which two unknown men in a car on Liberty Street shouted obscenities at some students. The students responded by walking up to the car, where they spotted something that resembled a handgun in the driver's hand. Luckily no one was hurt, but what kind of response is this to a potential danger? It is a response that shows just how comfortable we are in our own little niche in the West End of Allentown, Pa. Even though incidents have occurred in the past, we are still not the city savvy students we should be.

Yes, we are surrounded by beautiful homes, trees and grass, but Allentown is still a city and comes complete with all the problems that a city can be expected to have. If you couple this fact with the recent retirement of forty Allentown Police Department cops, it makes one realize that we are in a situation that calls for a strong sense of street smarts rather than naivete born out of suburban bliss.

In no way are we suggesting that students should stay locked in their dorms or houses. Indeed, we believe the students at the College do not take advantage of the benefits that living in a city can offer. The new Senior Shuttle service being offered by the College should be utilized to the fullest extent. Instead of driving or walking to the area bars, seniors can practice safety by traveling in the groups and knowing when they can catch the bus. What we do suggest is that all students realize that the problems experienced so far this school year could have much greater significance, and they should consequently take caution now rather than later when these problems could escalate into something much worse.

Finding a cure for all of the pessimism

Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

The College is quite optimistic on the surface. College catalogue pictures and student observation allude to this with their gleaming, happy exteriors and cooperative teamwork and sportsmanship. However, beneath the surface lurks the true heart of most college students: jaded, sarcastic cynicism.

This may sound terrible, but it's become quite obvious just how non-optimistic we can be in our day-to-day lives. Why are we like this, why do we do and say the things we do? When did we become so down that we lost our enthusiasm for life, liberty and the pursuit of keg-stands on weekends?

Maybe it has to do with our current economic positions in life. Many of us come from rich, white,

upper class families, with little to no economic dependence, we get what we need, and some of us don't need to work at all to get some spending money.

With this excess of funds, and material items and luxuries, is it any surprise that we would become jaded in our outlook on college life? Perhaps there is a twinge of petty jealousy here and there, or even a spoiled whine when someone has it slightly better off than we do ourselves. If this is the case, how do we remedy it?

Those of us who are financially independent of our parents cannot simply cut the cord—we need that kind of support to continue with school and everyday life on our own. Perhaps if we began working ourselves, getting jobs on and off cam-

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor,

Let me introduce myself: my name is Kristopher and I recently began working in the bookstore at Muhlenberg. At one point or

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another, I managed to lay my hands on a copy of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, and I confiscated it for my home use.

I must say, I was pleased to see a college newspaper that is well put together and enjoyable to read. In addition, I found some things that I took particular interest in.

Most recently, one of those such items was "Whatever happened to Woodstock?" (And by the way;

whatever *did* happen to Woodstock?) I think perhaps they all got tired-married-yuppie-drugged-out and/or they've passed on. I suppose that leaves said community to us, the spawn of the hippies.

However, regardless of my understanding of the question, it is the manner in which you put things that pleased me. Particularly the final paragraph.

So, consider this a fan mail, a pat-on-the-back or maybe just a thank you. Unless, of course, staff members who are not students are permitted to contribute to *The Weekly* — then you could consider this a reply to your plea on the page prior.

Ignited,
Kristopher Weaver
Stock Clerk--'Berg Bookstore

Metal is a significant musical genre

Paul DiMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Merely walking through campus past the various dorms during this time of year makes one thing glaringly apparent; a lot of students listen to really bad music. One can hear it bleeding out of the rooms from the open windows or through the open windows of cars driving by on the street. It quickly becomes clear that this campus is one giant cesspool of unmetal tendencies.

Being a metalhead means being someone who listens to, and loves, heavy metal music and can be a major annoyance. For those who are unaware as to what exactly is metal and what is not, I will give you a couple examples of each. Headbanging: metal.

Choreography: not metal. The Flying-V electric guitar: metal. The flute: not metal (figuratively at least). Ozzy Osbourne getting banned from the state of Texas for ten years for taking a leak on the Alamo: very metal. Ozzy Osbourne performing at opening night of the NFL while wearing a Tom Brady jersey: not very metal.

The reason that we as metalheads love the music so much is because of its unrelenting ferocity and aural assault of loud guitars, chest-vibrating bass, fast drumming and dark yet emotionally relevant lyrics. It is unique from the other musical genres which dominate today's popular music land-

scape because of this relevancy I just mentioned. I'm sorry but a popular rapper with no lyrical skills whatsoever bragging about his fleet of cars, multimillion dollar homes and diamond jewelry isn't exactly what I call relatable.

The other reason for its uniqueness is that, quite frankly, many can't handle it. You don't see mall-chicks wearing designer clothes in New Jersey walking around listening to a metal CD because of this precise reason.

The problem with heavy metal music, however, is that it is misunderstood by people of the aforementioned ilk. Those who listen to today's lame rap, rock and pop music criticize metal as being nothing but loud noise that makes one want to kill his or her

mother. However, they fail to see the blatant hypocrisy of that criticism when one realizes that the message of one of the most popular songs of the year, called *Candy Shop* is: "come over to my house so you can suck my...lollipop." Do you really believe a metal band singing about war is worse than that? Metal is also often criticized by religious conservatives who say it is horrible and hateful, and suggest that it makes kids want to kill themselves.

Of course, the hypocrisy of this belief is glaring when one considers that it is people of this ilk who

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Racial identity in the classroom

Emerson's Self Reliance placed in a contemporary context



Identity & Race

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

I am completely attracted to the romanticist way of thinking, because I believe that idealism does not allow for racism. "These roses under my window make no reference to former roses or

to better ones...There is no time to them.

There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence...But man postpones or remembers; he does not live in the present, but with reverted eye laments the past, or, heedless of the riches that surround him, stands on tiptoe to foresee the future. He cannot be happy and strong until he too lives with nature in the present above time," mused Emerson in his essay *Self Reliance*. It's humbling to think about how much stock we put in the past as humans, and it's simply frightening to know that the dead still control the dance we are all in.

Education is one of the martyrs of racism because education is a ritual through which the masses are taught a more concise way of liv-

ing. A drawback of this is that education has a tendency to condense and clean up the inherent confusion that comes with existing in our society. It may or may not be realistic to be idealistic about race, however, it is pragmatic to dissect race within the institution of education.

Emerson also wrote, "there is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better or for worse as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through

his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till."

It is extremely intense to be in a racially educational situation, whether participating as a white student or a white educator.

There will come a time when someone black will ask you why they don't have what you have, they may even admit that they are jealous of your privilege. There will come a time when someone will ask you why you don't understand something about them, and you won't even be able to

begin to relate from a racial point of view.

Sadly, this is what American classrooms and educational structures perpetuate. The only way to circumvent these issues, if sensitivity training is not available, is to delve into uncomfortable territory headfirst.

The key to discussing racial situations successfully lies in the ability to put everyone on an equal footing; doing that means making everyone feel unsure.

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Stop the bulldozer, I need some sleep

Caroline Shadood
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Every morning it is to be expected that I awake to the glorious hymn of garbage trucks backing up at 5 a.m. I slowly realize, after hitting my snooze button with the force of Hurricane Katrina, that it is not my alarm. So I get used to the noise, block it out and doze off again only to be woken up at 7 a.m. to the sound of cranes, yelling workers and the ever-familiar jackhammer.

All through the week I'm shouting expletives with my roommate, on Friday I'm slightly insane and by Saturday I want to transfer schools. But not Sunday. I look forward to Sunday. Sunday is the one day of the week I can anticipate there will be no construction. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 was a sad day for humanity--and by humanity I mean Brown Hall, and perhaps some unfortunate souls in Prosser and Walz.

Freshman year, while it is pleasurable, could not be more stressful. I don't need to get into it. The stress, however, on top of daily, interrupted sleep is not good. In fact, I am surprised someone hasn't thrown him or herself out of a window yet. While I realize that this article pertains mostly to freshman, there are some interesting facts about sleep deprivation to be shared.

What constitutes how much sleep a person should get every night? Though this is debated, the National Sleep Research Project states that teenagers and small children need about ten hours of sleep every night. The elderly need only six hours of slumber, and eight hours is considered the optimal rest for the average adult.

Sleep deprivation afflicts 47 million Americans each year; a growing number, as experts say that one of the most alluring sleep distractions is the 24-hour accessibility of the Internet. One hundred thousand car accidents each year are a result of driver fatigue. This number may be higher, as it is hard to determine if fatigue played a role in certain crashes. After five nights of partial sleep deprivation, three drinks will have the same effect on your body as six would normally. College students may take this concluding fact in a positive or negative light; it is truly up in the air.

I definitely lose at least two hours as a result of the construction. I do not doubt that a huge percentage of the College population does not get eight to ten hours of sleep every night. Until autumn's evening breezes grace our presence, allowing us to close the windows at night, can we please restrict the construction to weekdays?

"I once saw a forklift lifting a crate of forks.
That was way too literal for me."

--Mitch Hedberg

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METAL

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say such incredibly tolerant and accepting things such as: "I support the death penalty for abortionists," (as said by Republican Senator Tom Coburn).

What is also hypocritical about religious conservatives criticizing heavy metal as being vile and hateful is that Rob Halford, lead singer of Judas Priest, one of the biggest and most influential metal bands ever, is an openly gay man and has been openly gay for years. However, no one in the metal community is

offended by this or has stopped listening to Priest after his coming out. If metalheads were barbaric animals, as they would like you to believe, why are we so accepting? Of course conservatives can rest their case on their leaders having said other incredibly tolerant and accepting statements towards gays such as: "That agenda (referring to the "gay agenda") is the greatest threat to our freedom we face today," (said also by Tom Coburn).

I am writing this article as both a celebration of all things metal and also as a proclamation. To the other

metalheads out there on campus, take pride in your metalness. When driving around campus, make sure to turn your speakers up to an unnecessarily high volume. When in your dorm, do exactly the same with your stereo speakers and make sure your door is open. And when jamming away on your bass or guitar, make sure the dial on your amp is turned to 11.

You will be different from all of the typical Muhlenberg students of course. But hey, when was the last time anyone normal and typical made a big difference in the world?

MONOTONY

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pus to pay for food, or to use for petty cash, we could rid ourselves of this most base of causes for our currently pessimistic state of affairs. However, the problem could spring from our socio-political status, with special regards to the previous election.

There are terrible things being done in this world, many of them being perpetrated by the United States--atrocities such as the war in Iraq, President Bush's handling of the disasters caused by Hurricane Katrina and even the blatant censorship that reaches into our very own "liberal arts" campus, as it is so precariously called. The Democrats on campus, or even the Republicans' and Independents' must feel powerless while the "Idiot in Chief" is in office; their hope of a sane four year presidency has been dashed into hopeless bits by the return of President George W. Bush.

That would seem enough to dishearten even the most positive individual. After all, who wants to see people they love die for a war no one understands?

The only thing we can do in this situation is exercise

our rights to protest and march against our newfound dictator with vigor and strength, in the almost vain hopes that one day the evil will be vanquished.

Finally, maybe it's the effect of the media on our modern day adolescent culture. The media is a terrible scapegoat that is blamed for everything from desecration of youth to the profound amount of profanity in everyday lexicon. But in this case, it could be a culprit.

We hear news from bias sources and what little true news that trickles down past the censors is usually trivial and pointless. The only story on CNN without a political spin is about a kitten getting stuck in a tree. Maybe it's this sense of uncontrollable powerlessness that is driving us down. It's a thought, at the very least.

Well, that's it for the ranting. Perhaps there is no actual cure for the pessimism that so utterly dominates our college culture. Perhaps we're all just destined to be incurably morbid and cynical. Next time you feel like shooting back a sarcastic comment, just smile, nod and wish the person a nice day. It might actually be more effective than slinging some acid their way, you never know.

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This insecurity in everybody prods people to say what they wouldn't say under normal circumstances which is usually the virgin truth, and raw material is always appreciated in relationship construction.

In Emerson's essay "Self-Reliance," he remarks: "time and space are but physiological colors which the eye makes, but the soul is light: where it is, is day; where it was, is night; and history is an impertinence and an injury if it be any thing more than a cheerful apologue or parable of my being and becoming."

What has happened in the past more often than not weaves itself into the make-up of everyday racial lives. The past dictates culture, behavior, likes and dislikes. However, the past is also responsible for the blame you're capable of feeling when faced with a situation in which it seems almost impossible to relate to another.

Even if you can't relate to

where a particular pain might stem from, you can relate to the result. Frustration and exhaustion have to cease being scapegoats for the unhappiness you may feel.

There has to be a clinching point in every relationship, whether this relationship is genuine or political, in which you are able to set aside your own individual fear of making the wrong move.

When you are constantly aware of your societal identity as a major part of who you are as an individual, then you are ignoring the way you perceive yourself and also the way others see you.

Trying to possess the complete knowledge of your identity can lead to isolation and uncertainty and a pre-occupation with the past. Focusing inwards is essential to the self-definition in your existence, but in that act, if you do not seek to both respect and enlighten others in that process, there will be no peace in what you find there.

Muhlenberg College's Washington Semester Seeks applicants for Spring 2006

Muhlenberg College's Washington Semester



The Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) is seeking applicants for the 2006 spring term. The LCWS offers internships and classes, equivalent to a full semester of credits. Opportunities are available for all academic majors. Accommodations include furnished condominiums located across the Potomac River from Georgetown.

"The Lutheran College Washington Semester is Muhlenberg's campus in the nation's capital, complete with administrative offices, classrooms, computer lab, conference rooms, study lounge, and student residential facilities."

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Citizenship Week comes to the College

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College celebrated Constitution Day and Citizenship Week Sept. 12th through 16th with a series of activities sponsored by the Political Science Department and the Provost's Office. The activities were geared toward giving students a better understanding of the U.S. Constitution.

In 2004, Democratic Senator Robert Byrd from W. Va. added an addendum to a spending bill saying that all institutions, public or private, that receive federal assistance must teach some aspect of the U.S. Constitution. This mandate must be performed on or around Sept. 17th, which was the day in 1787 when the delegates to the Constitutional Congress signed the Constitution.

According to Lanethea Mathews-Gardner, Assistant Professor of Political Science, who organized the week's events, "The Political Science Department took a broader approach [in celebrating Constitution Day], to allow more celebration."

The week was highlighted with events such as a U.S. Constitution quiz, a mock signing of the Constitution and a faculty panel discussion on the U.S. Constitution in a contemporary context and whether old laws are still applicable.

Computers were set up near the entrance of Seegers Union Monday through Friday to administer the Constitution quiz, which consisted of trivia-type questions. While 23 percent of the students said they thought they knew a great deal, another 50 percent said they thought they knew a little. The results show that students have a good general knowledge of the Constitution.

A question that seemed to trouble students was the one regarding who was considered the father of the constitution. According to Mathews-Gardner, "48 per-

cent of students chose Thomas Jefferson, while 35 percent chose the correct answer, James Madison." Overall, Mathews-Gardner was "happy" with the results.

Mathews-Gardner also said that "just under 120 people took the survey, so the sample is not truly representative of the knowledge of the entire population [at the College]. But the students' scores were higher than those of the general public." A booth was also set up in front of the Garden Room throughout the week allowing students to sign their names to a poster-sized copy of the Constitution with a quill and ink.

"I thought this event was fun and that it raised some interest and awareness of the Constitution," said Mathews-Gardner.

The week concluded on Mon., Sept. 19th, with a faculty panel discussion on how the U.S. Constitution is still useful in present-day life. Associate Professors of Political Science Jack Gambino, and Chris Borick and Assistant Professor of Political Science Mohsin Hashim joined Mathews-Gardner as panelists for the discussion.

Gambino discussed the importance of the first line of the Constitution, "We the People...", explaining that the fathers of the Constitution were trying to portray a collective unity with this line. Borick then spoke on why the Constitution is still important today, discussing how the document helps to fix the problems of when liberty competes with equality. Hashim then questioned the U.S. Constitution as a useful model for global democracy. Mathews-Gardner concluded with an explanation on the contemporary interpretation of the Constitution by Supreme Court.

Students then had a chance to chime in with questions for the panelists.

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'Berg welcomes new GQ manager

By Alexander Hotz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Whether you're in the mood for bagel bombers at 12:00 a.m. or pizza at 8:00 p.m., the General's Quarters is the place to go at the College. A place where (if you have the swipes or, past 12:00 a.m., flex) you too can purchase everything from a salad to a Rice Krispie treat. Open about as long as most of us sleep, GQ supplies the faithful with sustenance and caffeine.

Recently many students may have noticed that GQ's line-up has been rearranged. It seems that after every semester the good folks at Sodexo reshuffle the deck by adding new faces and subtracting old ones. One of the welcome additions this year is the new manager William Dimmich, also known as P.K. P.K. began his career at the General Quarter's on Sept. 9, 2005. He hails from India (near New Dehli) where his family is involved in the food and restaurant business. P.K. has been working in the food industry since he arrived in the United States in 1998. A graduate of Widener College in Chester, Pa., where he studied hospitality



New manager PK looks forward to a good year at the College.

PHOTO BY ALEXANDER HOTZ

management, P.K. was previously employed at The College of New Jersey.

As the new manager of GQ, P.K. is obligated to oversee what may be the busiest place on campus. GQ is constantly overrun with students, professors and visitors. Unlike the Garden Room, which is only open until 7 p.m., GQ must accommodate a daily onslaught of hungry pilgrims. As manager, P.K. will be expected to maintain the level of excellence that students have come to expect. Where else can one get a

cheese steak with bacon and nachos at 1:00 am? Not even Wawa can boast such an order.

Yet in the face of these challenges P.K. remains positive, commenting "I'll do my best to do whatever the student body needs." P.K. says that he was initially attracted to the College because of its impressive reputation. He hopes that his position at GQ will be a stepping-stone for the future.

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issues, which surround this decision, and would have to be altered if the requirements would change from 34 to 32.

For example, with a mandated requirement by the Pennsylvania Department of Education requiring all education majors to have completed 21 units in the major upon graduating, the Education Department at the College would have the most difficulty in adjusting to a new circumstance.

Michael Carbone, Head of the Education Department at the College, said "in order for such a change to take place without deeply affecting the department, certain requirements will have to be altered so that our students do not get shortchanged."

As opposed to other departments, which may cycle their course offerings each semester, the Education Department is required to offer every course every semester for their students.

In this long-term debate it is conceivable that when major change of this magnitude occurs, everyone can be affected. According

to Carbone, what distinguishes the Education Department apart from others "is that we are controlled by an outside entity." Pennsylvania's guidelines for education meet and exceed many other states.

The benefits of having an outside source monitor the education program are that once a student has an education degree from a college in Pennsylvania, it almost always offers automatic reciprocity in the North East and Mid-Atlantic states.

In going forward with this long-term discussion, Carbone, would like to see a solution that is "fair and equitable" to education majors, along with students of all disciplines. "If this change is to occur, there will be a restructuring of requirements, and the whole curriculum would be altered. It would not be as simple as changing the graduation requirement from 34 to 32 course units," Hass said.

Every so often at a college or university, change is necessary in order to move forward. Hass said "I am proud of the faculty because they are continuously engaged in making sure students receive the best possible Muhlenberg College education."

Crime keeps students on their toes

By Sara Horowitz
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 17th at 2:14 a.m. Campus Safety received a report from three students and one graduate student about an incident which occurred one hour earlier.

At 1:10 AM on the 2100 block of Liberty Street, as these four people were walking back from Stooges Bar and Grille, a White 1990 Honda Civic with aluminum wheels advanced towards them.

In the vehicle, there were two males. The driver yelled insults at the four students and also seemed to have an automatic handgun in his possession. After the students backed away from the vehicle, it left the area. The driver was described as a white male, approximately 6'1," with reddish blonde hair and a mustache. The passenger was also a white male but was shorter than the driver.

Incidents such as these do affect the Student Body. Though Jacy Good '08 said that she feels safe and has "never felt in danger," and Steve Johnson '08 agreed saying that he's "never felt scared," other students may feel differently. Jenna Fletcher '06 explains, "At our house, if I am home or not home I keep the doors locked. At nighttime, I am especially conscious when walking. I keep my keys out and have my phone in my hand with an emergency number dialed, ready to

push the call button." She continued, "I do not walk alone."

In response to these incidents, Campus Safety has changed some areas of patrol and according to Ken Lupole, "the city police is aware of the incident and are working together with the College police" to prevent further occurrences.

Campus Safety is also continuing to build relations with Muhlenberg College Crime Watch, which is a core group of students who serve as student correspondences. For example, the watch group will hang up posters advising students to lock their doors. In addition, they will also be wearing shirts to inform students who they are on campus.

Even though forty Allentown Police Department officers retired very recently, Lupole explains that this event "has not affected them at all" and even one of the retired individuals came to work for the College police. Lupole declared that "crime prevention is everybody's job," so the College police should work with the city police, the students and the faculty.

President Randy Helm said the three lessons that students learned last year apply here as well. He suggests students "Lock your doors. If you are going someplace late at night, call Campus Safety for a ride. If you see anything suspicious, anything at all, call Campus Safety immediately. Do not wait."

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from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. and will provide a safe and secure way in which seniors can get to and from local bars and venues.

Students will be able to purchase a strip of tickets at the Dean of Students Office. The tickets will consist of three round trip tickets for six dollars. The shuttle will run on three nights, one in each month of the semester. The dates have been assigned as all Friday nights; Sept. 30th, Oct. 21st and Nov. 18th.

Student Body president Jared Fine '06 regards this venture as a way in which "Muhlenberg is trying to encourage students to go out and experience life in Allentown." The shuttle service will not just provide transportation to local bars but will allow 21 year-olds

to go to a number of Allentown locations. Some intended destinations are The West End Plaza and O'Malley's but there will be rides to other spots around town. There are strong hopes that with an enthusiastic enough response, the service will be able to expand to the surrounding areas. The continuation of the service depends entirely on the response of the students.

Amy Ellis '06 is somewhat optimistic about the new shuttle service. She said "I think it's a really good idea." Ellis had some concerns about the technical aspects of the service. She said "It would be better if it was less expensive because of the already high cost of going out." However, Ellis adds that "I would consider using it, especially if it didn't have to be requested in advance.

Like you could call for a ride if you were in a bind."

The service is intended to promote responsibility and alleviate much of the hassle of checking IDs since that process will be undertaken when the tickets are purchased. The shuttle will not be allowing students who turn 21 before their senior year to use the service.

A similar attempt at an exclusively senior shuttle was undertaken a few years ago when one student took it upon himself to provide transportation for 21 year-olds. Unfortunately, due to a lack of awareness and interest the venture failed.

The hope this time is that is people respond positively the service will, essentially, pay for itself with no extra cost to the College. Fine believes that "provided the right level of interest, this could be something really worthwhile."

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the position. This list of candidates and their resumes will only be seen by the Search Committee. Between eight and twelve candidates will be selected from the list and interviewed off-campus.

After the interviews are completed six candidates will be chosen and their references will be checked. Then the Search Committee will choose three candidates to recommend to

Helm. These candidates will be unranked.

The three candidates will be brought on campus to meet chosen student leaders and faculty and staff so as to assess their potential on a personal level.

Every single person who meets the candidates will report to Helm via e-mail and give their feedback. From there, Helm will make a decision and an offer to the candidate who is best suited to be the Dean of Students at the College. An offer will be

made to the chosen candidate in the Spring Semester of this year.

Since Ehrenberg has played such an important role at this College many feel that it will be difficult to find someone who matches his performance here.

Search Committee Member Alex Corgan '08 says "Dean Ehrenberg set the bar pretty much as high as anybody could ask and we're hoping to find someone who will strive to reach the bar that Dean Ehrenberg set."

OFF CAMPUS

Bethlehem City Council blocks out gambling ban

Bethlehem, Pa.- The Bethlehem City Council recently voted against a ban that would have prohibited gambling in the zoning districts that cover the former Bethlehem Steel plant. The issue was a hotly debated one, with over one hundred people crowding the Town Hall chambers.

The vote was very close at 4-3. The decision was the climax of one of the city's longest and most crowded hearings in its history.

The decision allows developers BethWorks Now and Las Vegas Sands Corporation to request a gaming license for the 126-acre area that falls between the Fahy and Minsi Trail Bridges in south Bethlehem, near Lehigh University.




France honors Allentown area World War II veterans

Allentown, Pa.- The French government honored 13 World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of Normandy. The veterans were from Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon counties and received "Thank You America" diplomas from the French government for their service in the war. The families of those former soldiers who were deceased accepted the honor on their loved one's behalf.

The "Thank You America" certificate was created by the French government as a way to thank the soldier who did not receive a Jubilee of Liberty medal in Normandy for the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day. More than one hundred people were present for the ceremony.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Weekend Weather

Friday	Sunday	Saturday
		
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 57	High: 78 Low: 56	High: 82 Low: 57

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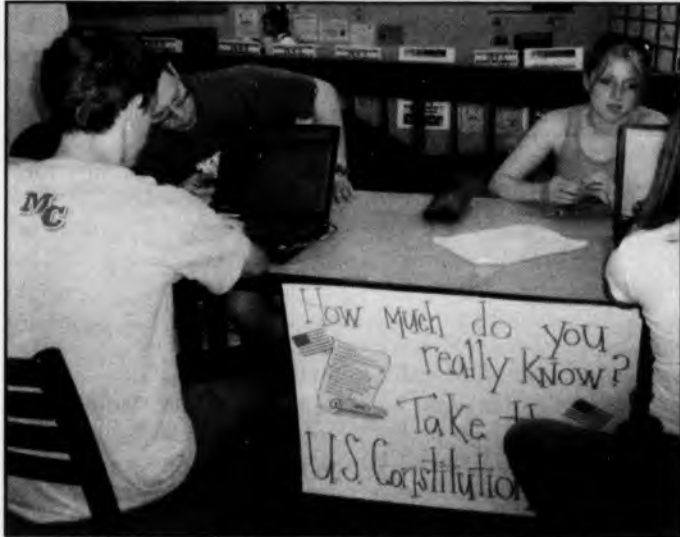
These questions ranged from questions about the appointment of a new Supreme Court Justice to questions about the problems with separation of powers in the U.S. legal system.

"The turnout and the questions by the students were very good. They got to

the heart of recent controversy," said Mathews-Gardner.

"The week was fun. The 40-50 students that worked the events encouraged other people to participate, giving the events a sense of community," said Mathews-Gardner.

She is optimistic that students will continue educating themselves on the benefits of learning about the



A table in Seegers Union was set up to test student's knowledge about the Constitution.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Correction

In the article "The College's weekend program commemorates 9/11" from Sept. 15th, we wrote that Student Body President Jared Fine '06 spoke at the ceremony. The student was actually Andrew Kalish '06.

Grubs found outside GQ

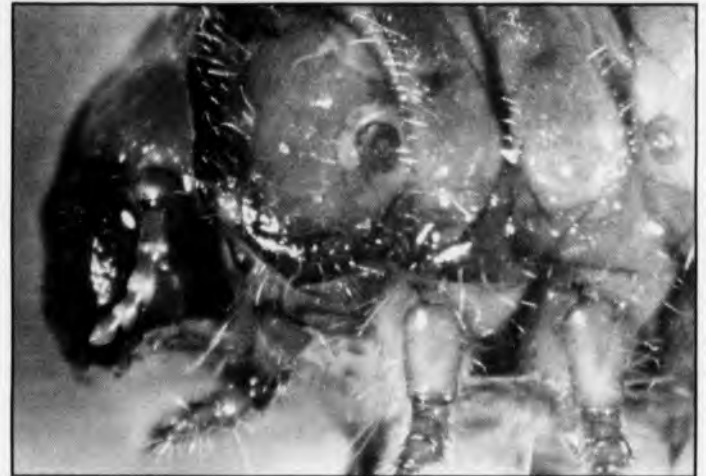
By John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

This past Thursday night and early Friday morning, the College was given a chance to view a different type of population residing outside the dorms. The sidewalks, curbs and the earth surrounding them were littered with May June Beetle larvae.

"I've never seen so many," said Dr. Marten J. Edwards, Asst. Professor of Biology. "It was a very special event." Edwards, who has received his doctorate in entomology, had originally thought that the larvae were that of the Japanese Beetle, which is a related species and which happen to populate this area of America.

While carefully studying one of the larvae he had collected, he realized that some of the features "did not add up." It was then that he looked into related species and realized that it was that of a May June Beetle.

The larvae themselves are harmless. Since their primary source of food consists of grass roots, it is not



A close-up of the May June Beetle found on campus.

PHOTO BY MARTEN EDWARDS

uncommon to see them in areas with large fields of grass. Under normal conditions, the larvae, or grubs, will only be seen if one were to turn up the earth. The most damage that the larvae themselves will do would be to cause brown spots on a lawn. For this reason, many homeowners and landscapers think of them as just a nuisance. Edwards, however, believes the creatures to be a form of "watch-able wildlife."

While in larvae form, the pre-pubescent bugs will migrate through the ground

in an up and down pattern. Although the reasoning behind the larvae actually surfacing is not entirely known, it is thought that some of the rain that fell last week could have made pathways or cracks in between the curb and the street that they found and essentially escaped through. "They would have preferred to be underground. That's their home. Especially the ones that were run over,"

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'Berg raises over 1000 dollars for victims

By Sara Gardner
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Maybe you have put a dollar or two into one of the jugs at the Activities Fair or SHARE Fair, or thrown the change from your bookstore purchase into a donation can by the register. These are just two of the numerous ways that students have been helping to raise funds to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. These little donations have added up in a big way: since the start of the fundraising drive, \$1,667 has been raised on campus.

In the days following the disaster, students Rachel Schein '06 and Julia Zur '06 spearheaded the effort to help Katrina victims. Along with Schein and Zur, members of SHARE as well as those outside of the organization brainstormed ways to seek donations from students, faculty and visitors alike.

Many of these ideas have been seen in action throughout campus: donation cans are present at the bookstore, Java Joe's and in the Languages, Literatures and Culture, and Admissions Departments. Additionally,

a table was set up outside of the Garden Room for a week, and people wore signs reading "Donate to help Katrina victims" while holding huge jugs to collect funds at both the Activities Fair and the SHARE fair.

The majority of the money that is being raised on campus is going to the American Red Cross' Hurricane Katrina Fund. In regards as to why the Red Cross was chosen, Schein said that "The American Red Cross is a legitimate organization, and we know that the money will be funneled the right way, with the majority of it going directly to the victims."

In addition to the efforts of the SHARE organization, other groups on campus have been involved in raising money. At the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council's Greek Gods and Goddesses Dance, a donation of one dollar per person was collected at the door for Katrina victims. That money is going to be donated separately from the efforts of SHARE.

Various sports teams have also been involved in activities to raise money, and a portion of the proceeds

from this past Sunday's Mule 8 concert also benefited the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Half of the two-dollar donation at the door to see Colin Quinn on Sept. 29th will be going to the American Red Cross as well.

Zur's response to the College community was one of thanks. "Thank you so much, the amount raised so far is much more than I ever would have thought. Keep donating!"

Additionally, Schein said "This is by far the most successful effort that I have seen in my four years at Muhlenberg. Keep your eyes open to keep helping, and thanks on behalf of the Community Service Office."

The College sponsored a recent benefit concert held originally for the genocide in Darfur, yet it became another opportunity for students to donate to the Katrina relief fund.

The campus-wide fundraising effort will be ending for good on Sept. 30th and the fundraisers urge people to keep looking for ways to donate and aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina through the end of the month.

GQ

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However, he acknowledges that he can't do his job alone. P.K. encourages all those who frequent GQ to give him suggestions so as to make their dining experience as positive as possible. "Come talk to me, I'm very accessible, friendly, I don't bite."

Communication with the customers is something P.K. clearly values. Although he doesn't plan to make any

drastic changes to GQ, he acknowledges that he's open to suggestions.

As the student body changes each year, so do their demands and tastes. P.K. encourages all students to lend him ideas to make 2005 a great year for the General's Quarters.

PK will take any requests seriously and do his best to make sure that students are getting the most out of their meal plan, a feeling that is shared by many students.

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Edwards joked.

The beetles themselves are part of the scarab family. Scarabs are most typically associated with Egyptian mythology since the god Ra rolled the earth into a ball like the beetle rolls dung. Typically, the larvae spend up to three years underground before making the transformation into pupae, the second phase in the lifespan of the May June Beetle. After that form, the beetle emerges as an adult in the months of May or June, thus giving it its name.

The fully-grown adult is actually quite aesthetically pleasing. It is a glossy, toasted-almond color with a line down the back. The mass quantity of larvae suggests that this spring will be quite an experience in regards to

the visible insect population at the College, although the suggested time of when the adults would emerge from the ground would be when most of the College population has left for summer break. The adults themselves only live for a few weeks, their sole purpose being to eat and breed the next generation.

One fact that Edwards takes comfort in is the fact that the larvae are there at all. "It shows that they [Plant Operations] haven't been using pesticides on the lawn." It also reflects that the groundskeepers have been doing a good job making sure that there is plenty of healthy grass for the larvae to eat.

"They've been there the whole time. It's pretty rare that nature provides us an opportunity to see such an event."

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 13 - Animal Complaint - A non-college student received a Letter of Trespass after being seen with his dogs on campus several times.

Sept. 13 - Theft - A \$ 99 artificial floral arrangement was stolen from Seegers Union.

Sept. 13 - Injured Student - A student cut her left thumb and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 14 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student parked an unregistered vehicle on Gordon Street. Police made the student move his car.

Sept. 14 - Reckless Endangerment - A fight and threats between students were reported. Both students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 14 - Suspicious Activity - A student living in Prosser reported an incident with another student involving marijuana.

Sept. 14 - Trespassing after Warning - At Trexler Library, Robert Stanley Saylor from Elm St. in Bethlehem, Pa. was arrested by the APD.

Sept. 15 - Injured Student - A student suffered a laceration on her right big toe while walking up the steps to the Trexler Library and was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 15 - Fire alarm - Steam from the shower caused a fire alarm to go off in East Hall.

Sept. 16 - Vandalism - Someone threw a beer can at a fire extinguisher and broke glass in East Hall.

Sept. 16 - Simple Assault - A fight between two students broke out and they were referred to Judicial Process.

Sept. 16 - Theft - A bike was stolen from the side yard of a house on 2241 Liberty Street.

Sept. 16 - There was a short circuit on one of the fire alarms at the Life Sports Center. The alarm went off.

Sept. 16 - Underage Possession - A student, Brendan Moriarty '08, was arrested for underage possession and consumption of alcohol after a minor motor vehicle incident on N. 25th Street.

Sept. 17 - Suspicious Activity - A soda machine door was opened in Shankweiler. The vendor forgot to lock it.

Sept. 17 - Suspicious Activity - Three non-students, Daniel Caldarola, Ayssa Ruggiero and Mark Poniros were arrested for disorderly conduct and underage consumption and possession of alcohol on Gordon Street.

Sept. 18 - Injured Student - A student was injured in a fight at Seegers Union and was brought to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 18 - Unlawful entry - A digital camera was reported stolen from the Alpha Chi Omega house. The camera was later found with the victim's friend.

Sept. 18 - Underage Drinking - A female student who had been drinking was found in the fourth floor women's bathroom in Walz throwing up. She was transported to hospital on 17th

and Chew Streets.

Sept. 18 - Fight - A fight broke out in GQ, involving three non-college students over the Eagles/Giants football game. Three individuals were injured. The incident was referred to Dean Ehrenberg.

Sept. 19 - Student Injured - A student hit in the nose while playing rugby and she thought it was broken. She was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Sept. 20 - Fire alarm - In Prosser Hall, a fire alarm went off three times. Water was found leaking from the sewage drain which flooded the basement.

Sept. 20 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A minor fender bender was reported on 414 Albright Street between two students.

Life!

"At a certain age some people's minds close up; they live on their intellectual fat."

- Irish Blessing Book

Mule 8 lends a helping hand



The Girls Next Door perform at Mule 8.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

In an effort to help the relief funds of both the Darfur of Sudan and Hurricane Katrina, the College held Mule 8 last Sun., Sept. 18, 2005. It was a four hour concert held from 3-7 p.m. The event was planned to raise awareness for the

humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan. In this region, nearly two million (out of a total population of seven million) have been removed from their homes due to ethnic cleansing and fighting between local and government forces. Since Feb. 2003, two hundred thousand of the two million displaced people have been forced

to move into Chad to escape from the increasing violence between Sudan and rebel factions.

Mule 8 was held on the front lawn and was overflowing with students and faculty out to support these efforts and also just to have a good time. Some of the College's music groups performed. The band Christ Power Activate kicked off the day with an energetic performance. The Dynamics and The Girls Next Door also lent their talents and voices to the cause. Many other music groups such as Lusitania and IndigoSun also provided a wide variety of musical entertainment and attempted to invigorate the crowd. Several more student musical ensembles and bands added soul and spirit to the heartfelt event.

In addition to the music, there were carnival rides. The Tilt-A-Whirl was constantly filled with students, as was the giant inflatable rope course. Those who were brave enough also tried out the ride that straps you in and turns you upside down. When people were not on the rides or sitting on the lawn enjoying the music, they were eating from the great picnic provided for them. Hamburgers and hot-dogs, pasta salad and cookies, refreshing lemonade and water were all available at the event.

What caused the most excitement was the ongoing raffle, with all proceeds going towards Darfur and

Katrina. A week prior to the event, raffle tickets were sold in Seegers Union. The prizes included a dinner for two in the Haas bell tower and first place in next year's housing lottery. The tickets sold very quickly. Three particularly generous people bought almost fifty tickets each for the bell tower prize.

There were fundraisers such as the selling of green Livestrong wristbands with the word DAFUR imprinted on it. Student volunteers who participated in the Darfur event wandered amongst the attendees with a bucket of bracelets, selling them for two dollars each.

The turnout for the event was phenomenal, making it an enjoyable day for friends and family. All throughout the day, the crowd donated money and continued to buy raffle tickets, making the grand total of Mule 8 come to \$1,541.35.

Darfur related events continued at the College with Andy Kent '01. Kent discussed his personal experiences from Darfur on Wednesday in the Lithgow Auditorium. His talk coincided with Darfur: National Day of Action.

Kent recently returned from a trip there where he worked with the International Medical Corps, and he talked about his first-hand look at the crisis. Now attending Columbia University, Kent is seek-

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT SHOULD THE NAME OF THE NEW SCIENCE WING BE?



"It should be named Teissere Tower."

- Lisa Kowalski '06



"The new wing should be called Joel Frankenbower."

- Joel Frank '07



"Maybe it should be called Home of the Planetears."

- Nikki DeMaio '08



"I think it should be called Bill Nye's Labora...tiel!"

- Jay Daniel '09



"It should be called Mr. Wizard's Wing."

- Les Polk '08

Compiled by Kim Nyugen

Jennifer Heieck rocks the Union

By Cara Scharf
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The woman at the piano could pass for a college student. She is wearing faded jeans and a white tank top, her wrists are decorated with several tasteful bracelets, and her hair is long and straight with bangs that keep falling over her eyes. Yet beneath this extremely simple getup is an underrated musical talent.

On Saturday night, singer/songwriter Jennifer Heieck came to the College to play a one hour set in Seegers Union with only a keyboard. At first, one could think that the synthetic tinkling of the instrument took away from her sound, but at the same time one could tell that with a real piano she would have sounded amazing.

Her voice also overshadowed this initial problem. It was pretty and gentle but hard around the edges. She switched back and forth depending on the songs she was singing and the emotions behind them. Sometimes she had hushed melodies and other times she emitted a gravelly, louder sound reminiscent of a rock star.

As she confirmed later in the night, she recorded a CD and used to play with a full rock band, but her music also worked with only a keyboard and her voice. In that sense she is very versatile.

In terms of her performance, she put on a great show. She rocked back and forth on the piano bench, shoulders rising and falling to the beat of each song. She was constantly read-



Jennifer Heieck plays keyboard and sings to rowdy students in Seegers Union.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

justing her legs and moving her feet around. Her frantic fingers climbed their way over the keys. You could tell she was really enjoying herself and it made watching her enjoyable as well. At one point, she even stood up and sang an a cappella song during which she had the whole audience clapping along.

Most of her songs were about relationships, and as she said, she's a "relationship kind of girl". One of her originals, *Rollacoasta*, was very haunting and beautiful, but it also had an upbeat element that made it interesting to listen to. She also played an original called *Addiction* which had innovative lyrics, but she used a different, fake sounding tone on the keyboard. Her voice and the merit of the song, however, still

made listening worthwhile. She also performed a few covers such as *Criminal* by Fiona Apple, whose sound she said influenced her. Her version was a bit softer and less angry than the original.

The audience, though, left something to be desired. People kept coming and going, and there were large crowds standing around in the lobby talking loudly and eating. Perhaps it was just the venue, but it was still surprising that more people did not stop to listen and that a little more respect wasn't shown to the artist while she performed.

All in all the performance was extremely enjoyable. Jennifer Heieck entertained her audience and left them humming her tunes. She even won over some new fans who purchased her CD.

Reader's Corner: *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

By Sandy Crawford
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult is an exceptional novel about genetic planning and the implications of these actions. Anna, the protagonist, is a 13-year-old girl who has undergone countless surgeries despite being healthy. She is always in the hospital because her older sister Kate was diagnosed with leukemia at a very young age and she needs to find a perfect donor match. The Doctors said that Kate would die unless the Fitzgeralds were able to find a perfect match for her. The oldest Fitzgerald child, Jesse, was not a match for Kate and neither were either parent.

After much discussion, the Fitzgeralds decide to have another child through the use of genetic planning. By having another child, a perfect match could be created and the family wouldn't have to ever worry about finding a genetic match.

From the moment of her birth, Anna was in and out of the hospital when Kate needed a treatment. The treatments and demands upon Anna escalated with each trip.

Finally Kate's kidney began to fail and she need-

ed a kidney from Anna. No longer wanting to be "her sister's keeper," Anna took a stand. She hired a lawyer so she could sue her parents for medical emancipation--they would no longer have say on decisions regarding how her body was used.

Throughout the story, the oldest child Jesse acts as a

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Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Cry Wolf

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Flight Plan

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Just Like Heaven

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Lord of War

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Roll Bounce

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride

Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 3:10, 5:20, 7:30
Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20

The "eX-Files": Investigating the past without harming the future

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

When you begin a new relationship, you are at some point going to have to acknowledge your past relationships. Past relationships are a part of your life that you just can't bury deep underneath the layers of your mind and heart. They are going to come out and sometimes, they NEED to be expressed. But what is an appropriate way to open up "the eX-Files" with your partner? Is there a way to talk about past relationships without hurting feelings, feeling embarrassed or shameful, or insulting your partner?

As Carrie Bradshaw, the Goddess of Sex in *Sex in the City*, once asked "Can you get to a future if your past is present?" It is important to build a strong relationship with your partner before you start talking about past relationships.

A first date dinner conversation should not include "so how many people have you slept with?" Wait at least a month before diving into that conversation, when you have hopefully built trust between the two of you and had some happy experiences between you in your new relationship. When you do decide to have the talk, it should not be a witch hunt. Asking your partner about their past experiences and sharing yours should only be used as a way of bringing the two of you

closer, not as a way to find out all the dirt you can on your partner to try to make them feel bad or shameful.

Be prepared for what your partner may tell you. You asked, so don't blame your partner for a response to a question that you do not agree with or accept. Remember that you are with your partner, not their past lovers. It is not a good idea to pick a moment to have this discussion when your partner is in an emotionally unstable state or is drunk. That is just taking advantage of your partner to get the information you want. Sit down together in a safe, distraction-free environment. Try to make each other feel as comfortable as possible. Don't ask any questions that you would find insulting or feel uncomfortable answering, because most likely, they will feel the same way being asked such questions.

In some cases, your past needs to be brought up to the surface. For example, if you have a STD, you should not keep this from your partner. If you truly care about them, you should care about their health and well-being. This conversation needs to be brought up before sexual intercourse, not after. Be honest with your partner about your status. A relationship built on a foundation of lies will

undoubtedly crumble.

A common issue that couples struggle with is the "magic number," as in "How many people have you been with before you started seeing me?" This magic number can include the number of sexual partners you've had or people with whom you've been in a relationship. As stated before, if you are asking these questions, be prepared for an answer with which you may not be comfortable. Your partner did have a life before they met you, and they were living it.

IN THE NUDE

I have found that while most men want to know everything about their significant other's past relationships and sexual encounters, most women want nothing to do with them. The key word in past relationships is *past*. You are now in a relationship with an entirely different person, a special individual who should be valued for their other qualities besides their past sexual experiences.

My personal attitude towards my current partner's past sexual experiences is that I don't want to know. I want to focus on our current relationship, not on the past. But when a man asks me how many men I have dated or slept with, this is a loaded question. What will my partner say when I tell them? Will they leave me? Will they still be able to like me for the person I am?

When asking anyone such a question, realize that the person answering is putting a lot on the line to answer you honestly. Respect and cherish this honesty as proof that your partner trusts you and has faith in your relationship and your feelings for each other.

Lastly, do not let past experiences dictate your entire relationship with your new partner. No two people are alike, and as hard as old habits are to break, you need to be sensitive in the first few weeks and months of a new relationship to keep the comparisons and ex-talk to a minimum. Ladies, your boyfriend does not want to hear about what an awesome body your ex had. Guys, your girl does not want to know how amazing your ex was in bed. It can be seriously damaging and depressing to be constantly compared to your current lover's ex. Make this new relationship unlike any you have had before. Appreciate and relish its differences, do not critique it.

In the words of the early 2000's pop group Dream: "That was her, this is me./ We're as different as can be./ She and I we're nothing alike./ You're confusing day with night. That was then, this is now, you wanna trust me, but you don't know how./ I'm never gonna mess around, let you down./ Can't you see that was her and baby this is me." Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

Tasty treats at Teppan Steakhouse

By Stacy Romascavage
ASST. FOCUS EDITOR

If you want good Japanese food with culinary entertainment, go to the Teppan Steakhouse located at 3245 Hamilton Blvd. in the Dorneyville Shopping Center. This eatery specializes in Hibachi. Hibachi, for those who are not familiar with it, is food that is cooked in front of you. People can actually sit at a table and watch a chef cook their meal.

When I walked in the restaurant, I was welcomed by a tasteful Japanese ambiance consisting of murals and light fixtures. It was very relaxing and apropos. We were quickly seated and we prepared to enjoy our Japanese feast.

The menu contained an array of Japanese dishes such as sushi, a variety of different meats and combination platters. For drinks, soda can actually be served in ceramic containers shaped like a Buddha, Geisha or a Samurai. If you do plan to order a drink in one of these containers, it costs more, around \$5.25, but you get to keep the container.

I ordered the Hibachi Chicken with white rice which cost \$14.95. The meal came with two appetizers consisting of a mushroom and celery

soup and salad with a lemon-orange dressing. The soup consisted of sliced mushrooms, celery, vegetable stock and a pinch of pepper. It was excellent because none of the flavors dominated the overall taste of the soup. Overall, I thought the soup was light and was a superb choice for an appetizer.

The salad was fresh and crunchy, however, the salad dressing overpowered the lettuce and cucumbers. The dressing would have been better if it was evenly dispersed amongst the vegetables.

Next came my main course. While he made my chicken, the chef entertained us by making jokes and showing off his culinary skills by flipping knives in the air. My main course was as amazing as his knife skills. The chicken was cooked perfectly, seasoned with seeds and it came with a soy and peanut sauce.

I decided to end my dinner with a sweet orange sorbet. It had a wonderful silky texture. I found it quite refreshing and would recommend it as a wonderful way to finish any dinner off.

The Teppan Steakhouse was priced quite reasonably. The prices of main courses range from \$12.95 to \$16.95. Appetizers (not included in the meal) ranged in price from \$4.95 to \$12.95. I would highly recommend this place to anyone who wants to try an interesting and

entertaining place to eat. Its atmosphere was as engaging and tantalizing as its food. With the eastern aromas wafting through the chatter-filled air, nothing more could be wanted. You can find tasty foreign food, good entertainment, great service, and all in Allentown.

Rating: 3 out of 5 stars



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horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

Your enthusiasm is boundless--thanks for making this campus a better place for everyone. You light up your 8 a.m. classes with perky cheers and salutations, and those late night cram sessions are all more fun when you bake homemade cookies and sing Kumbaya. Actually, now that we're on that topic, can you tone it down just a little bit?

Taurus

Isn't the fall wonderful, Taurus? The trees are all changing colors, the air is crisp and cool and it's no longer oppressively hot in the non-air-conditioned dorms! Better savor the weather now while you still can, because soon it will be winter. The soft breezes of fall will become frigid, gale-force winds and the ground will become treacherous with foot upon foot of solid snow.

Gemini

You have a twin Gemini, even if it's not a visceral, living human being. Some cultures believe in a spirit-twin, one who follows you through life helping you make the right decisions and watching out for you at every step in life. I wonder what your spirit-twin is like, Gemini? Are they fun, fresh and intelligent like you? Are they insightful, beautiful and full of radiant life?

Cancer

Feeling crabby lately, Cancer? You've been in a terrible mood all week. The stress of class is really getting to you, so here's some wise advice: take a day off. You can always miss a day of class, so stay in bed, read the newspaper, watch old reruns of *Friends* and sleep until you can't dream anymore. Then go out and party all night. Just remember to be ready for class the next day.

Leo

Roar with pride, feral Leo! The day of your vengeance is upon you! Soon, the multitudes will break and bow before you, prostrated before you in reverence. It will be that day that members of the opposite sex will flock to you, desperate to love someone so great and powerful and your enemies will fall before you on bended knee.

Virgo

Well, no snide comments this week, because honestly, you're on top of the world. You have friends who love you, it's your birthday soon and the world is your oyster. Just take a moment to thank all your friends and family for the wonderful life they've brought you. Also take a moment to realize that after this week things will go back to normal.

Libra

Your friends are all flocking to you for insight into their crazy, surprising lives and with just cause. You're normally right on with each of your almost cosmic ideas. Good for you, but you're seriously threatening my job security. So, before I have to come over there and we have ourselves a big old psychic throwdown, recant your powers and let's end this peacefully.

Scorpio

It's written all over the stars, Scorpio. You're generous to a fault. When someone asks you to give to a charitable organization you don't ask how much, you just give everything you've got. There's just one thing that you shouldn't give away, and that is your soul. Because, without your soul, you're little more than a human shaped husk, emotionless, unfeeling and lifeless.

Sagittarius

This has not been a good week, has it Sagittarius? Your long distance girlfriend from Zimbabwe broke up with you, didn't she? Oh, who are you kidding? You never even had a significant other, did you? It was just a complex lie constructed to fool your friends into thinking you were cool. But don't worry, you can easily get a new girlfriend! One who is both real and close.

Capricorn

Let's all have a big party. We'll invite everyone on campus to a big college barbeque and party like it's 1999. Except for the fact that it's 2005. That could be a hindrance on our party plans, not knowing the correct year and all. I can see it now (because I've got psychic powers): "Hey let's have a kegger in East." "Sure, when?" "Sept. 30, 1876." That'd be confusing.

Aquarius

Take a warm shower, drink plenty of cold water and do some underwater calisthenics because you're losing touch with your element--in short, you're in need of some H₂O. It's replenishing, vital to life and a necessity for mental health. So lose that acidic soda and disgusting vitamin drink and chug some Aquafina or Dasani.

Pisces

Let's all go white water rafting this weekend, Pisces! Not many people know this, but we've got our very own outdoors club on campus, which specializes in getting students out of the bubble and into the natural world! What could be more fun than rafting the Lehigh, or hiking to Hawk Falls? Nothing, that's what! It's great to get outside, have fun!

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confidant and liaison to his youngest sister. In addition, with all the upheaval in the family, feels neglected and begins starting multiple fires. Some of the fires get out of control. The irony in this is that Brian, the father, is the firefighter that continually puts these fires out.

The novel is told from multiple points of view. It allows the reader to experience what each of the characters are thinking and feeling throughout the entire novel. It helps the reader to understand what is going on behind the scenes and in the minds of the main characters.

The novel brings up thought provoking issues such as genetically engineering children, childhood illness and death and what should be done when one child is being used to save another in the same family. There are also common issues like

jealously, fear and compassion that would touch any heart. This book is a heart-wrenching story that tells of a family torn apart at its seams. You go through the entire novel thinking you have an idea of what will happen at the end. However, the end of the story surprisingly leaves you reeling and contemplating what was really important.

I loved this book because it was different than many of the other books I've read in the past. The multiple viewpoints of the characters are quite helpful because unlike the first person point of view, you get to see what each character thinks about the unfolding plot and the issues that go along with it.

It is the type of book I had trouble putting down. It will make you laugh and cry and leave you satisfied in the way any good book should.



A drummer from one of the bands keeps the rhythm and time as he rocks out to the blasting tunes.

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ing a masters degree in public health.

Both the situation in Darfur and the disaster of Hurricane Katrina were brought to the attention of the entire College community on Sunday, and the College plans to continue contributing to these causes.

In general, the College and its students are very active in helping

the local and far-reaching community. Fundraising have been held to help victims of disasters such as Sept. 11, the tsunami in Thailand, Hurricane Katrina. The College has even opened its red, welcoming doors to students displaced by Katrina's wreckage. Now students are raising money to aid the people in Darfur. Student and faculty action will hopefully not stop here, but will continue as others seek need and support.

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A devoted teammate and strong finisher

Mule Profile--Chris King

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Only five games into the season, the men's soccer team boasts a 5-0 record, which is their best start since 1994. Senior Chris King has been a major factor in the team's early success thus far.

With six goals and two assists already under his belt, including one in this past Saturday's dramatic upset over Johns Hopkins University, King currently leads the Centennial Conference in points and has already been named the Conference Co-Player of the Week. He has 11 goals and four assists in the Mules' current 11 game undefeated streak.

Though he was the team's leading scorer in CC matches with ten points and was ranked second on the team with 15 points overall in 2004, King will have more opportunities to score this year as he has changed positions.

"This year we weren't deep forward-wise so I moved from midfield to forward. It's been working pretty well and I like playing up top," King said.

Originally from Center Valley, Pa., King played four years of basketball and soccer at Saucon Valley High School. A four-year varsity player in each sport, he captained each team his senior year and was a two-time All-Conference player in soccer.

King also kicked for his high school football team for two years

and received second team all-state honors.

King played club soccer for the Lehigh Valley United from age of until his high school graduation, where he played under one of the College's current assistant coaches.

In his first season at the College, King was injured for the first part of the season, and then started four or five games, earning substantial playing time. As a sophomore, he started every game and helped the team win the Conference Championship.

"The best season overall as a team was definitely in 2003," said King. He also had a successful year individually as a junior when he was named second team All-Conference. This season, King is one of the team's most seasoned players.

"As far as a prospectus of the season, we should do well. We have a solid core of seniors and a group of talented underclassmen. I live with three of my teammates and the team is a tight-knit group in general," said King.

As a Business Administration major with a marketing concentration, King hopes to move to Philadelphia, Pa. after graduation and pursue a marketing career.

"I'm going to miss competitive soccer but I'm sure I'll stay in touch with friends and the College in general. I also may be interested in coaching once I'm established in my career. I would definitely not rule that out," said King.

However, with many games still ahead of him, King is focused on



Chris King nutmegs the goalie to score one of many winning goals.

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the outcome of this season. The team was ranked 18th in Division III before they upset Johns Hopkins University, the defending Conference Champions and the ninth-ranked team in Division III.

"This season has been really exciting and we hope to keep building on the momentum we've established early in the season. There are so many seniors on the team and we want to go out on top," said King.

DID YOU KNOW?

Out of the 20,000 innings that Ted Williams played for the Boston Red Sox, he only pitched two. His last appearance on the mound occurred in a 1940 game where he gave up three hits, a walk and one run.

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Fall Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on October 12th at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on October 16 at 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, October 3rd. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.



Senior Amy Schmidt leads by example as she steals the ball to begin an offensive charge fulfilling her role as captain. This year is Schmidt's fourth year as a starting player.

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Hope is alive after loss and tie

By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Despite the rough weather conditions on Wednesday, the Mules started their week with a tough home game against Messiah College. Knowing that Messiah was coming into the game ranked second in the nation with a 2-0 record, the Mules kept their energy high in an effort to defeat them. Their efforts came up short as they fell 5-1 against the Falcons.

The Mules hit the scoreboard first with a goal by Senior Amy Schmidt in the second minute of the game. Minutes later, the Falcons fired back with a risky shot hitting the upper left post of the goal.

Of the 28 shots on goal by Messiah, junior goalie Kayla Boisvert saved a career high of twelve. The Mules' defense also helped to fend off the Falcon's shots. Senior Katie Amari played a great game at left fullback, making a tremendous save late in the first half. Amari, along with Sophomore Maura Hendsey and Freshmen Heather Scudellari, contributed to the 11 defensive saves during the game. Scudellari was a key player during this game. She played strong by helping to keep the ball in control for the Mules in Messiah's scoring zone. The Mules played well in the first half, keeping the score close at 2-1. The offense, including Sophomore Katie Rhodes, worked hard to keep the pressure on the Falcons.

Rhodes played on Wednesday, stepping up to the ball hard and strong. She continued to play aggressive throughout the entire 90 minutes of the game. Schmidt

scored the lone Mule goal in the game. The Mules went on to play their opening Centennial Conference game away against McDaniel College. McDaniel started out fast with a goal in the first minute of the game, but the Mules were quick to fire back. Soon after McDaniel's goal early on in the game. Sophomore Sara Gearin had the Mules' first goal, assisted by Junior Kristen Cioeta. Just before the buzzer sounded in the first half, Sophomore Megan Francis scored an unassisted goal to make the score 2-1 in favor of the College.

Of McDaniel's 15 shots on goal, Boisvert only let one goal in during the second half. The Mules led shots on goal with a total of 20 throughout the game.

"The first half was a little shaky, but the second half was much improved. We got it back together and then we were able to communicate as a team, pass like a team, and hold off the offense, and ultimately we played much better as a whole," said center-midfielder Rhodes. The entire second half was dominated by the Mules. The front line of Juniors Elana Rabinowitz, Andrea Dello Russo, Cioeta and Gearin played extremely well, keeping the ball in McDaniel's defensive half.

"We definitely dominated the game and are beginning to play off of each other well all over the field. Now we just need to start putting more balls in the back of the net. This will be key for us," said Cioeta.

The Mules continued to fight through two ten-minute periods of overtime. The game ended with no more scoring from either team which resulted in a 2-2 tie.

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and by making more big plays."

"While we played mediocre," continued Donnelly, "we were still in a position to win at the end of the game. It was very disappointing not to win in our first home game under the lights, but this loss just gives us more incentive and motivation to win the next game for the fans."

Even though the Mules suffered a hard loss, they enjoyed the opportunity to play in the first night home game in the College's history.

Because all the seats were occupied, people had to sit in the aisles. Many alumna were also seen in the crowd. Anyone could

have believed it was Homecoming Weekend.

"It was an awesome atmosphere to play in," said Gasker. "We appreciated all of the fans that came out to see us play. It's just unfortunate that we didn't come out on top."

The reasoning why the College has never hosted a night game is because it is difficult for the away teams to travel to make a game at this time.

"The reason we were able to schedule a night game is because Union owed us a favor," said Donnelly. "We traveled to their field when they promised to come to ours."

With high hopes, the Mules return to action next week, playing away against Grove City College on Saturday.

Mules suffer third straight loss against Montclair

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules lost their third consecutive game on Saturday against Montclair State University. Montclair is ranked twelfth. The score was a close 2-0.

"Although it's rough having three losses in a row, hopefully we can learn from our mistakes so we're better prepared for the Conference games," said Senior co-Captain Meghan Sandkhuler.

Sophomore goalie Nikki Rhoads made a defensive save early on in the game to keep

the scoreless tie.

While both the defense and offense worked as a unit, the Mules were unable to connect and get a goal. However, late in the first half, Montclair State scored. They added one more goal in the second half.

FIELD HOCKEY

"These losses just make us want to win the next few games even more than we already do, hopefully this is the push that we need," said sophomore forward Jill Duffy.

"This goal is definitely possible if we play our game. If we work on working together, we will definitely dominate. Working together, using our

small passes and communication will lead us to a win."

Junior goalie Lauren Schram made 11 saves, and the Mules attempted to score on three corners.

"Our next game is very important. A Conference win is definitely not out of reach, and we are all optimistic. The four seniors on our team are hoping to make this year our best year yet with a Conference title to show for it," said Senior Adrienne Verbich.

The Mules next game is at home at 4 p.m. versus McDaniel College this Saturday. This is the Mules first Centennial Conference game of the season.

Freshmen runners lead the pack

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The cross country runners surpassed expectations at Saturday's Mules/Falcons Classic. They showed their speed and endurance at their first and only home meet this season. Both men and women took home titles. The women took the first place, while the men took third.

Senior Karen Mount finished the 5k race in first place with a time of 20:09.4. She is the first female Mule to take this Classic's gold medal in the last four years. She came in more than one minute ahead of the second place finisher.

"I was surprised that I was able to win by such a large margin," said Mount.

Sophomore Christy Goff took ninth place in under 22 minutes. Two more Mules women placed in the top ten. Freshman Kathryn Niedzwiecki crossed the finish line at 21:37.9 for fifth place.

Two other first years showed great promise, finishing in the top twenty in a 118 girl race. Freshmen Laura Lipari and Cari Baumgartner finished 18th and 19th, respectively.

"I think the freshmen on both teams really stepped it up this past weekend and they have the talent and work ethic to take

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the program to new heights in the future," said Mount. Ninety-seven runners competed in the mens 8k. The Mules had three runners cross the finish line in the top 20.

Freshman Stuart Udis, who finished in 29:00.4 for 11th place, led other Mules, who were not far behind. Junior Will Trevethick took 17th in 29:35.6 and Freshman Rob Kein was close behind, crossing the finish line in 19th place.

Both teams improved from their fourth place finish at the Lehigh Valley Championships on Sept. 2. Next Saturday, the Mules compete at the Cougar Classic race at Misericordia College.



Sophomore Jess Anselmi slams the ball over the net during the Moravian game.

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Mules can't serve up a win

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After last week's huge win at the Buttermaker Tournament, the Mules lacked luster against Moravian College, losing three sets to one.

In the first game, the Greyhounds made an eight point run after the 2-2 tie.

The Mules were out of sync, making unforced errors. However, they tried to catch up with help from Sophomore Jess Anselmi, who had a career high 31 kills.

They brought the score as close as 25-21, but couldn't take the win. They lost the game 30-21.

During the second game, Senior Julie Lauro, who played in her 100th match at the College, recorded a double-double with 19 kills and 13 digs.

The game was close the entire time, with both the Greyhounds and the Mules winning at some point. With the College up 28-26, Moravian took a timeout to regroup. After the timeout, they rallied to win the game 32-30.

They came together in the third game

and won 30-26. With momentum from the two wins, Moravian was too much to handle, and the Mules lost the game 30-22 as well as the match 3-1.

"We hoped that we could keep the momentum going into Moravian from our huge wins in the Buttermaker, but for some reason the

intensity level was low from warm-ups and into the first game. We couldn't side out and we let Moravian take a big lead which was hard to recover," said Anselmi.

Even though the Mules were not able to pull out the win, Senior Jen Weist picked up 11 digs for the game and also had three aces.

Senior Mary Henning also proved to be solid as she recorded a season-high 36 assists.

The College is still beating Moravian in the Matte Award standings 2-1. The volleyball team, who now has a 7-2 record, heads to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this weekend for the MIT Invitational.

"We need to just put Moravian behind us and face our opponents with the same intensity that we faced everyone in the Buttermaker," said Anselmi.

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half until Hopkins tied it up again off a free kick. Tied at two, the teams looked dead even until the last fifteen minutes of play.

Sophomore Jonathan Kliewer won a 50-50 ball near midfield.

As the ball rolled towards Hopkins' goal, Senior Christopher King beat the goalkeeper to the ball to score his conference-leading sixth goal of the season.

This goal clinched the lead for the Mules. However, with five minutes left to play, Senior Adam Milberg added some insurance as he converted a penal-

ty kick after Senior James Henshaw was held in the box.

"It was a real gritty game and both teams fought hard the whole time," said Kliewer.

"It feels incredible to beat them, it's the first time I've beaten them while at Muhlenberg and it's one of the best feelings I've felt after a soccer game. It's a good test early in the season and if things hadn't gone our way, we would have time to fix our mistakes before the playoffs," said Kliewer. "We still have plenty to improve on, the season is long and this is just the beginning."

The Mules continue Conference play on Saturday at 7 p.m. when they face Washington College, Md.

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Men's Cross Country (CC)

9/19 Mules/Falcons Classic - 3rd

Women's Cross Country (CC)

9/19 Mules/Falcons Classic - 1st

Field Hockey (FH)

9/14 MC 1 Scranton 2
9/17 MC 0 Montclair St. 2

Men's Soccer (MS)

9/17 MC 4 Hopkins 2

Football (FB)

9/17 MC 14 Union 22

Volleyball (VB)

9/14 MC 1 Messiah 5
9/17 MC 2 McDaniel 2

Women's Soccer (WS)

9/14 MC 1 Messiah 5
9/17 MC 2 McDaniel 2

Next Week

CC 9/24 @ Misericordia 11
FH 9/21 @ Drew 4
9/24 @ McDaniel 7
FB 9/17 @ Grove City 1:30
Golf 9/19 @ F&M

Invitational 1
9/22 Moravian Fall
Invitational 1

MS 9/17 @ Johns Hopkins 3
WS 9/24 vs HOPKINS 1
VB 9/21 vs Dickinson 7

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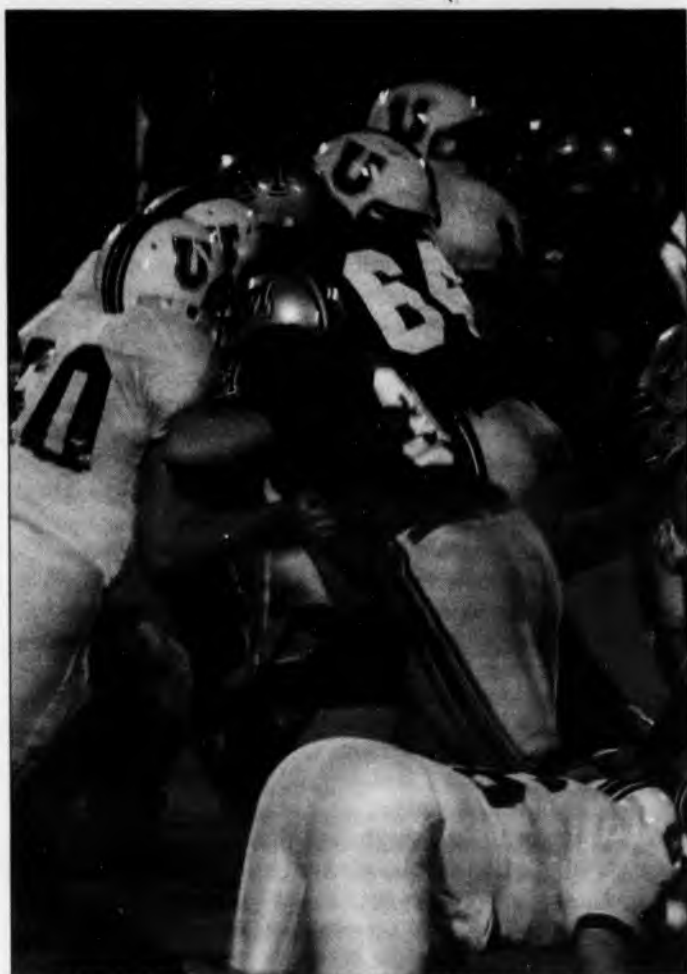
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The lights shine in their eyes



The Mules attempt to hold off Union College's offense.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

By Tiffany Kirk and Rob Lehman
SPORTS EDITOR AND WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules' home opener and Scotty Wood Stadium's first night game went down to the wire this past Saturday. Unfortunately, the Mules could not come through with a victory, and they lost to the Union College Dutchmen, 22-14.

With 1:37 left in the game, the Mules gained possession in their own endzone. Senior quarterback Tom Kelleher brought the offense to Union's 35-yard line, completing three passes of 15 or more yards to different receivers. However, the Mules failed to get another first down, and the Dutchmen were able to run out the rest of the clock.

Despite its exciting ending, the game looked to be a defensive battle at the start. The only points scored in the first half were just 1:25 into the game. Kelleher completed a 41-yard touchdown pass to Senior Kyle Douglass. This was one of nine completed passes for the day. Union quickly rebutted with a touchdown of their own on the next possession, but they missed the extra point. The score remained 7-6 for the rest of the half. Senior Phil Gasker had a career-high fifteen tackles and two pass break-ups for the day.

Even though each team's defense stayed strong, both teams had chances to score. Kelleher's touchdown pass was taken back due to a penalty.

The Mules turned the ball over to the

Dutchmen after using their four downs. The next two possessions for Union resulted in losing two fumbles. The first was within the Mules' 15 and it was followed by another fumble in the endzone on their next possession.

After the break, Union made a field goal to gain the lead for the first time in the game. With less than a minute left in the third, the Mules answered with a four-yard run by Sophomore Ross Tanner. Tanner had 16 rushes in this game for a total of 56 yards.

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This put the Mules ahead, 14-9. In an attempt to catch the Dutchmen off

guard, the Mules tried to recover their own onside kick, but were unable to do so. With the ball's recovery, the Dutchmen went on to score another touchdown on four plays, taking the lead early in the fourth quarter. Gasker proved to be solid as he broke up the two-point conversion pass, keeping the Mules within one point.

The Mules could not put together a scoring drive in the fourth, and Union scored another touchdown to tally the final score.

"We played really well," said Gasker, but we had trouble stopping the run, which enabled Union to do other things as well."

Coach Donnelly had similar thoughts. "Union is a very good team," said Donnelly. "We did not perform up to the level it takes to beat a very good team. Union outplayed us by being more physical

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Mules end Hopkins' 24 game winning streak

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team started Centennial Conference playoff on a good note when they ended Johns Hopkins University's streak of 24 regular season wins. This Saturday, the Mules beat the Jays, 4-2.

After a stalemate during the second half, the Mules scored two goals in the last 15 minutes to start out 1-0 in Conference play.

With an undefeated 5-0 record, the Mules are off to their best start since 1994. The Mules entered the game ranked 18th nationally.

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Hopkins, the defending 2004 Conference champions, entered ranked in ninth place.

Seven minutes into play, Hopkins scored, but the Mules allowed them to lead for only five minutes.

Sophomore Wesley Deiningner scored off a direct kick high in the net. The teams proved to be evenly matched as it went back and forth until the Mules took the lead when Senior Matt Pitetti headed in a cross from Sophomore Karim Assous.

Their lead held into the second



The men's soccer team celebrates after victory over John's Hopkins University, who had a 24-game regular season winning streak.

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Dale Carnegie comes to the College

Study abroad program opens up more areas of study for students

By Elysse Etin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

For four consecutive Sundays, Sept. 18th to Oct. 16th from 6 PM to 8 PM, Dale Carnegie Training will be taking place in Miller Forum. This is a special program designed to develop leadership skills to prepare students for the competitive workforce. The training sessions are recommended for all students, but especially for those in leadership positions. This programming is co-sponsored by the Dean of Academic Life, Dean of Students, Director of Student Leadership Development and Academic Support Services.

Approximately 170 students came to the first training session, which could indicate a large student interest in the program.

Anneliese Juergensen '08 said, "I got an invitation in the mail, and it looked interesting. I never really thought of myself as a 'leader,' so I thought that it would be a good thing for me to go to and see what kinds of things I can learn."

The training session was planned by Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development, and by Wendy Cole, Director of Academic Support Services. "Dale Carnegie has name recognition in the business world," said Jachimowicz.

The Dale Carnegie training sessions focus on five areas that are critical for success: building self-confidence, enhancing communication skills, developing interpersonal skills, developing teamwork and leadership skills and gaining

effective attitude management.

Cole said this is the first time the Dale Carnegie Workshops have been offered to students at the College. Though the training is expensive and focuses on adult professionals, the College has made a trial arrangement with the company and they are aiming the workshop towards student leaders at the College.

"Chris and I wanted to offer something to those students who give so much to this community (Student Advisors, Writing Tutors, Resident Advisors, Academic Support Tutors, Student Council, Greek leaders, Team Captains, etc.) Dale Carnegie Leadership programming seemed to be a way to give back to these students," Cole said.

The company's six million pleased constituents across the country, with a 96 percent customer satisfaction rating. Cole said that the CFO of the Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Delaware office is leading the training sessions.

The instructor of the first training session assigned students to write a breakthrough plan, in which they had to decide how they would handle their professional and personal lives. He also explained the importance of "breaking the ice" with people we do not know. A simple, "Hi, where are you from?" is a good start to a conversation with a stranger. It enhances interpersonal skills that are necessary in any work envi-

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By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Like many universities in the United States, the College has adhered to the United States Travel Warnings by suspending approval for study abroad in locations where the US has issued a travel warning. This past week the College's policy changed.

For the past month, President Randy Helm, with the help of Provost Majorie Hass, Director of International Programs, Donna Kish-Goodling, and her colleagues in the Department of International Programs have worked to revise the study abroad policy so that students with "compelling

academic reasons" can fulfill all their educational goals, even if it may require spending time in a country on the United States Travel Warning List.

According to Helm, "While we do not want to encourage students to take unnecessary risks, we also think that with adequate warning, preparation and scrutiny of programs and local conditions, it might be possible to accommodate these individuals and their needs."

With that in mind, the College looked at the study abroad policies of many different universities in order to determine how to allow some exceptions to the study abroad policy in a way that provided opportu-

nities for students to meet their academic needs.

In accordance with the revised policy, students will need to prepare a statement of their desire and compelling academic reasons to study in a country on the travel warning list. According to Helm, "the International Programs Office will work with whatever faculty committees are appropriate to review and decide on these cases."

Other provisions of the policy include that students must study at institutions that appear on the College's list of approved education abroad institutions. The policy states that, "Study at a

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On the places you can go, thanks to a revised abroad policy.

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Studying abroad should not be a dangerous time

Admittedly, when we first heard of President Helm's wish to make the countries on the US State Department's Warning List available to students who are studying abroad, we thought that the decision was misguided and slightly naïve. True, the president did not feel in danger while on his trip to Israel over the summer, but how can the College guarantee that its students would have similar good fortune? Why would the College feel that their decision could overrule that of the US State Department?

As both of us have studied in the British Isles, we definitely realize the benefit that can be gained with the study abroad experience. However, England and Ireland were not on the warning list and yet we both had moments where we were worried about our safety, particularly because we live in an era where anti-American sentiment runs high. Our question is, what kind of fear will students experience when they study in countries that the US admits are dangerous?

The College cannot ensure that all students will be able to enjoy an incident-free study abroad experience, but they have limited the amount of students who will be placed in a dangerous position by allowing them only to travel to countries that do not have obvious dangers. However, after receiving the president's memo, we think that the Study Abroad Policy shows careful attention to the College's legal obligation for the safety of its students as well as its desire for students to have the ultimate college experience by studying in a country of their choice.

Helm made it clear with his announcement that this decision to allow students to study in such countries will be decided on a case-by-case basis and will be thought out clearly and carefully by many qualified people. Students who want to study in warning list countries are restricted in their choice of institutions and must pick a school from the pre-approved list from the College. In this way the College has reduced the students' risk.

Safety is something that needs to go before anything else; indeed, safety should even come before academic prowess. It is our hope that the College helps each student to make the study abroad decision that will be the best for them in all areas of life.

Not having any fun? Whining doesn't make it better

John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

As the summer becomes fall, the same old questions begin making themselves heard at the College. "What do you want to do?" "I don't know, what do you want to do?" "Is there anything to do at all?" The same, tired conundrum that has plagued the minds of students for years, in some cases before they got here, will most likely continue for years after they're gone.

Let's face it, when signing up to attend an institution in Allentown, no one truly thought that it was the Mecca of the cultural world. It's Allentown. Granted, back in the day the city was buzzing and there are some rockin' diners in the area, but since first-year students aren't allowed to have cars and since there has been a recent increase in off-campus crimes involving students of the College, it is understandable why students feel as if a trip might not be the best idea. This does not mean that all options are lost.

During my first year here, my friends and I would often just take a stroll through the park next to Muhlenberg. We'd bring a book, a Frisbee and a couple of sandwiches and our day was set. This wasn't a planned activity, it was just a bunch of people enjoying the day. Why does it feel, more and more, that

there is almost a public outcry for more events? The constant yammering of close minded individuals that want activities shoved down their throat on a regular basis can be heard throughout the dorms on weekends. Then again, these are usually the same students that complain that there should be no underage drinking laws. They neglect to realize that the whole "college experience" is so much more than just boozing it up with your buds.

Some of the best times I've had here at the College weren't when I was partying at night or trying to see which parties I could get into. It was the simple enjoyment of being with my friends. It was getting a bunch of folks to watch football in the dorm or in the Red Door. It was that time that my friends went out and bought a grill in the fall and we made chicken and pineapple sandwiches down in MacGregor Village.

Plus, the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) is in a constant search to find things for students to do. Instead of sitting around and complaining about how there's nothing to do, or that there's nothing you enjoy, did anyone ever stop to talk to the people at MAC and tell them what you wanted to see? Or maybe even join the club and try to get things done from the inside.

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President Bush: the failure of the decade

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

President Bush botched the handling of Hurricane Katrina. Are we really that surprised? This is the same man who said we were going to war because Iraq had weapons of mass destruction--but they didn't. He also said Iraq was tied into the events surrounding 9/11--but it wasn't.

Hey, at least he got the guy responsible for 9/11--oh, wait I'm sorry, Osama Bin Laden is still at large. Remember when President Bush declared "Mission Accomplished" for Iraq and he got all dressed up in his combat uniform? You would think "Mission Accomplished" meant the war was over, but we are still there with no end in sight.

When the swirling winds and flooding rains were drawing near New Orleans, La., where in the world was President Bush? The

answer is: on vacation. When he realized how late he responded to the damage, what was his solution? Apparently, his solution was taking pictures with poor people and walking around New Orleans with his sleeves rolled up. Unfortunately, for Mr. Bush that is not good enough. He is now faced with astronomical gas prices, an under-manned National Guard because they are all in Iraq and a pretty expensive bill to rebuild New Orleans. It is going to be us who are paying for that bill down the road. It is too bad President Bush decided to fill the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with incompetent cronies of his. You would think the most powerful nation in the world could protect itself against these forces.

Under this administration nothing seems certain. Everything they do is clouded by a mask of propaganda, rallying speeches and covering up crucial mistakes. Whether it is the prisoner abuse scandal, envi-

ronmental records being changed or false reports of war fatalities such as the case of Pat Tillman, who was killed by friendly fire, but it was reported otherwise.

People are finally beginning to realize Bush's failures, since his approval ratings are at an all-time low. The unfortunate part is that it is too late. We have three more years to go. It is going to be our generation who is responsible for correcting the missteps of this administration, which in three years could end up being a mighty task.

America is supposed to be the leader of the free world, an example of how a country should be run. People lose respect for our nation when they see we are resorting to torture for our prisoners of war. They lose respect when our administration doesn't trust our scientists about environmental damage. They lose respect when they see racial tensions running at an all time high because of our President's lack-

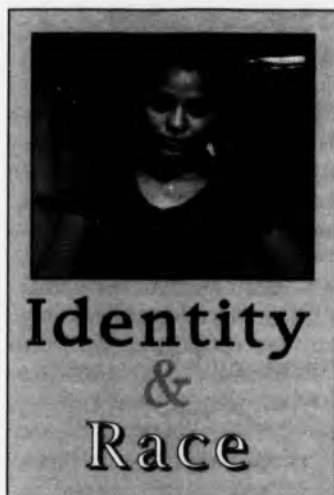
adaisical response to Hurricane Katrina. Finally, as Americans we should lose respect for our administration when they send our soldiers off to war under-equipped and under-manned.

America should be above the standards President Bush is setting for us. We are a better country than what he represents us as to the rest of the world. It is up to the next generation to help restore the credibility and respect we deserve as a nation. How did a man like this end up in office for a second straight term? What possessed the 51 percent of Americans who chose Bush to do so?

Maybe they thought President Bush was a regular guy, someone who doesn't seem like such an elitist. The thing is you don't want a regular guy running your country; elitists are elite for a reason. They are talented, to some extent, and at least competent, something that cannot be said for President Bush.

The many sides of being yourself:

Creating a common "self" amongst your various roles in society



Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

Life can get a little crazy on Muhlenberg's campus when you're more multicultural, or rather more hued or tinted than the "average" person.

Just last week I was having a bit of a nervous breakdown because I couldn't figure out who I was outside of being Black; it's not an identity you want your perceptions to be colored by. Unsure feelings were stemming from the fact that I felt that I didn't have a clear culture that I could adhere to; no basis of reference for how to behave during cer-

tain holidays whether religious or commercial.

Last week I referenced some ideas from James Baldwin and W.E.B. DuBois, and some of Ralph Waldo Emerson's musings in "Self Reliance" that closely related to identity, trying to find key to my conundrum which, ironically, I felt had to be lurking in the words of a white man. Both Baldwin and Emerson talk about the soul of an American. The fact is that the definition of a Romantic and the many definitions by and about Black men and women fuse together on some major points. Being in limbo and possessing an overwhelming sense of self creates a dual identity that deals with anything from profession and personality, want and obligation and color in opposition to the soul.

The struggle involved in finding a basis for comfortable spiritual existence in American pop culture is dictated by the inherent need we feel to find a balance between what we think we have to do and what we want to do. (Nietzsche) We slip and slide between these two extremes, always

more inclined towards honor than we like to think because of our moral faith, an essential belief we carry around in our psyche: there is a reason and explanation for good and evil.

It takes depth of character to admit that you are prone to prejudice. The mind is a powerful entity which explain away pain, or translates it into anger which is so much easier to express and understand. The fact that you are able to comprehend this will make your life a living hell for some brief wild moments of flesh against the ethereal, but it doesn't matter if you have a place to come home to.

Which brings me back to the it'sy bitsy freak out I had. I was trying to embrace Black identity on Muhlenberg's campus as the summation of all that I am, not taking into account, my Black student identity on campus, my identity as a student, my Black identity off campus and my identities as a daughter, lover and friend.

All of my confusion was coming from the fact that I was

trying to combine who I was, who I am and who I want to be, and not taking into account separation wasn't necessarily negative. I don't know why I felt guilty over dividing up the responsibilities in which aspect of my personality to nurture--I figured out that I can't grow everything in the same garden at the same time. I realized that I have to wait for certain opportunities, and that sometimes it's not the time to speak, you've got to shout or shut up.

I recently attended a program, Jazz in the Sanctuary, presented by Art Sanctuary, an institution in Philadelphia, Pa., founded by author Lorene Carey.

Art Sanctuary is a haven for artistic Black American culture where the work of both old and new artists are exhibited, nurtured and seen as inspirations.

Being physically present, hearing the pulsating tribute to John Coltrane, eyes flitting between Gothic Church pillars with Ancient Greek-

esque and heady artwork everywhere filled me with a sense of belonging. I won't lie, though, the large number of Black people in the audience also helped.

In Art Sanctuary, I saw a culture that belonged to me, and in its belonging to me, it belonged to my Black friends as well. The color everywhere was a reminder of the non-segregation issue between American and Black. As the last notes were struck, as the light smell of wine diffused the message of Art set in.

I came to the conclusion that I could share this culture with others, and not be stingy or jealous.

It isn't just my decision to share it. I just don't have the desire to be anything other than human anymore. In the words of Lorene Carey, "I will return again and again to the sky. The skin will grow wrinkled as the nights come and go...My skin will know me, and I will not have to fear my skin."

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In order to truly have a good time on campus, you can't rely on mind- or mood-altering substances. You can't depend on having a laugh riot at the latest comic that has been offered to you. What you can depend on is having a good time with your friends. Just do something together. Dorney Park is still open. There are plenty of things to do throughout the season on www.Allentownpa.org. Worse comes to worse, there are plenty of flyers and brochures at the rest stop as you enter Pennsylvania. As for

transportation, I'm sure Shuttle Steve would be happy to take you wherever you want in the area.

Not only do you have options given to you in the local area, but there are buses everywhere. Personally, I've never taken the trip, but New York City, N.Y. and Philadelphia, Pa. are a mere Beiber Busline trip away. Although the ride may be long, it can definitely be spent just goofing off with your pals.

That is the real "college experience." It's not about parties or "covered bridge tours." It's about being active with your friends and just having a good time.

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Just like in *Close Encounters*

Music resonates as a universal language

Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

The year was 1977, and the two Voyager space probes were rocketing heavenward to document the secrets of the unseen universe. Attached to these two technological terrestrial messengers to the stars were golden disks—one each—which documented the extent of life on Earth, hopefully to be seen by intelligent beings somewhere in the vast expanse the cosmos.

On these golden disks, which were 30 centimeters in diameter and composed mainly of copper with a golden finish, pictograms documenting 115 images and sound to tell the tale of mankind were transcribed as well as greetings in 55 different languages and 90 minutes of music from various eras and genres. It was a literal record meant to be played by some advanced race to get an idea of what the humanity of Earth sounded like.

So why this interlude about an archaic pair of records that must seem ancient compared to mini compact discs and DVDs?

It is simply to demonstrate the sheer power of music as a universal communicator. Spoken language, by nature, is mutable, ever changing and dynamic, yet unintelligible to the casual listener. How often does one hear a new language and automatically understand and comprehend its dynamics and pitches, harmonics and syllabics, words and variables?

Yet can we not pick up a recording of Mozart or Schubert and instantly recognize its brilliance and complexity of form? How interesting that our vocal chords, complex and infinitely evolved little bundles of nerves and muscle, cannot create one universal language; yet a piece of wood and a taught string can produce this amazing variance of tone and pitch that is almost instantly intoxicating and moving.

The Beatles' *Abbey Road* is just as transcendent in English as it is in Taiwanese or French, which is due in a large part to the underlying melodies and harmonies that sync up with any conscious mind.

As college students we are just beginning to understand the beauty

of music, not just recognizing the surface melodiousness, but recognizing how it is made, why it is produced and the million emotions that are often the catalyst for that one catchy pop tune that you can't get out of your head.

Many of us have around 50 hours of music on our computers or MP3 players, yet maybe a third actually listens to the underlying rhythms and repetition strands— or wonder how the lyrics sync up so well— and how that back beat adds infinitely to what the artist is trying to announce.

The use of music as a universal communicator is so important to our cultures. All of the bips and bings of cardiac monitors let doctors know that their patient is still alive, while listening to certain types of music has actually been proven to stimulate our brains and in some cases, increase of intelligence. Oddly enough rap and hip-hop have

proven to be more effective than Beethoven in this respect.

Studying music as cultural analysis can be inspiring and profoundly interesting, judging how people live by the tone and composition of their popular music is a fascinating practice, and in some cases more truthful than just simply observing the populous of the places in question without any context.

This all must seem like a rather lengthy tirade that seems to have nothing to do with the food quality in the Garden Room, or the embattled state of the renovation of Shankweiler.

However, it is imperative that while we have the time, in between classes or before bed, as that tune plays liquid in the night—we study what it means to us, not just how catchy or popular it is, but how it speaks to us, across radio waves, from beyond oceans, and in a millions tinny voices from the speakerbox.

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The "Caring College" cares too much

Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a general opinion that the College is money-hungry, five accepted students from the New Orleans, La. area may have a differing view.

As refugees from Tulane University, students from the area have been provided with a "free" education this semester. At least, this is the case when it comes to this particular institution. "Free" is in quotations only because Tulane and other New Orleans institutions will not refund Fall 2005's costs unless the student officially drops out of the school due to the great need to repair university damages. Therefore, a Tulane student has to pay the \$20,000 per Tulane semester (before any financial arrangements) while attending a \$17,000 per semester school. Compared to other colleges' responses, the College definitely reaches passed the requested

requirements set by the American Council on Education, which asks for colleges not to charge tuition, but says that the room and board would be reasonable. However, the College's generosity is magnified when public institutions such as Penn State University, Rutgers University and the University of Delaware require the New Orleans students to pay both, arguing that the amount is significantly lower than Tulane costs.

While these institutions are correct (costs are nearly half when compared on www.collegeboard.com), they have not taken into account that the students do not receive a refund from their desired institutions, which result in paying three times as much.

For example, the cost to attend a \$10,000 per semester institution would inevitably be \$30,000 considering the Tulane student was not refunded. In this mindframe, while the College is losing \$7,270 per student in room and board costs (not including tuition due to the American Council on Education's request), the College is helping the students by saving them the extra \$18,000 (with financial arrangements) that they would have to pay to attend this institution for a semester. In fact, the students attending the College from Tulane are paying \$2,000 more than every other student; the only difference is the College is not receiving the money.

The recent acceptance of five students attending colleges in New Orleans area without requesting the payment of tuition and room and

board shows that the College does have a heart. But is it too large?

While tuition and room and board costs at Tulane and Loyola are \$41,000 and \$33,500 per year respectively, according to www.collegeboard.com, tuition (there is no room and board costs because it is a commuter school) at the University of New Orleans is merely \$11,000. This, in effect, means a student is receiving at least an \$18,000 per semester education for \$5,500 without the help of financial aid or work/study arrangements.

The fact the College is being generous to students who are unable to attend a college that costs significantly less this fall due to a hurricane calls to question the College's reasoning. Why not help the students who are unable to attend this institution due to financial issues? Why does the College choose students affected by a natural disaster? Once you give one child a piece of candy, you must make sure that all of the children get a piece.

By the College allowing a student to attend the same classes and experience the same atmosphere of other students who paid \$12,500 per semester more shows that student that he/she can take pity on themselves anytime something horrible happens to themselves. The student should not necessarily pay the difference, since the College is not paying the students from Tulane and Loyola the extra money that is spent. However, if the cost of the college they attended is significantly less than the college they move to, they should work to earn their stay. A friend of mine had \$1,200 stolen from her this summer. Consequently, she worked, and earned it back.

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ronment. If people practice engaging in conversation with those they do not know, they will be prepared for job interviews and the working world, where communication is crucial.

"Never did I think that such a simple phrase like 'Hi, where are you from' could change my life and amount of success," said Sammi Borah '08. She continued, "Since the two workshops, I find that I'm taking more risks and I'm getting more involved with things on and off campus."

The students' first homework assignment was to find five people whom they do not know and ask them various questions ranging from where their home-

town is to what is their career or major. The second part of this homework assignment was for students to write down actions in which they participated that needed changing. For instance, if a student has a difficult time making important decisions by himself, he should try to list the pros and cons so that he does not have to put the pressure of his own decisions on others.

Session two of the Dale Carnegie workshop is designed for students to enhance relationships in all personal and professional communities. Session three will teach students how to make their communication skills much more enthusiastic. Session four will focus on celebrating success and on renewing the goals made throughout the program.

Correction

In the article "Senior Shuttle takes off" from Sept. 22nd, we wrote that Shuttle Steve's name was Stephen Goosky. His name is actually Steve Goosley. In the article "Search for new Dean of Students begins", we wrote that the person hired to help in the search process was named Weiss Stornbeck. Her name is actually Shelley Weiss Stornbeck.

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Darfur events shake an apathetic College

By Scott Kramer
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Sun., Sept. 18th, Darfur Awareness on Campus, which was organized and orchestrated by the Do it for Darfur Committee, officially kicked into full gear at the College with the Mule 8 concert.

The variety of activities that will be taking place over the course of the year are intended to make students at the College aware of the genocide in Darfur, a region in Sudan that has been involved in an ethnic conflict since 2003.

The initiative began with the Mule 8 concert held on Sept. 18th on the front lawn. The event included performances by student bands and singing groups, various amusement park rides, dinner outside and a raffle.

Kim Nguyen '07 came up with the prizes for the raffle, which included being President of the College for a day, allowing a first-year to have a car on campus in the spring semester, the number one spot in next semester's housing lottery and the most popular one, dinner for two in the Haas Bell Tower.

In all, the event raised over \$1,500 for Darfur and the American Red Cross as aid money for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. In addition, 224 letters signed by students at the College will be sent to Congress this week asking them to spend more money towards Darfur awareness.

Green papers that read "Do it for Darfur," were handed out. They had information about the situation and could be seen in the windows of many dorm rooms.

"It is rare to see students feel so passionate about something like this. They wanted to be involved and they did an outstanding job," said Patti Mittleman, Director of Hillel.

On Wed., Sept. 21st, Andy Kent '01, came to speak to students about his six week experience in Darfur. As part of his Master's in a Public Health program at Columbia University, Kent worked as a Public Health Consultant for the International Medical Corps in Darfur last summer.

He described how conditions there are horrid. Villages have been burned down, women have been raped and the villagers of

Western Darfur have had to relocate to the Sahara Desert.

"The people there were very, very nice. They knew I was there to help," said Kent. "It is estimated that 180,000 people have been killed there, including aid workers." Kent stressed that the media has neglected to cover the situation in Darfur and that many Americans don't know how serious the situation is.

When asked about the temperatures in Darfur, Andy Kent said that, "It is about 120 degrees Fahrenheit there, and there are people camped out in tents in the desert, and these are people who have suffered through two years of war."

The leaders of the "Do it for Darfur" Committee include Rebecca Godlewicz '07, Deb Abelson '07, Julia Zur '06 and Benjy Shaw '07. On Sun., Sept. 25th, the group took a trip to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. to view a special exhibit on Darfur. Coming up on Oct. 6, there will be a Luxury Fast for Darfur and the group will be meeting to brainstorm for other events to bring to campus throughout the year.



Students at the College support Darfur and try to raise awareness for the cause.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Seegers: No wires attached

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

With increased demand for the convenience of wireless, student members of the Technology Committee have begun talks about this issue with the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the G.Q. staff and students. The Technology Committee recently wrote a letter to the head of OIT, Harry Miller, asking for the implementation of wireless in GQ and the Seegers Union lounge. The letter was supposed to be sent at the end of the last academic year but was delayed because a newer generation of wireless software is soon to be released and the school was waiting for the shipment. Currently, the College boasts wireless hotspots throughout the Trexler Library, as well as the Life Sports Powerhouse Café and Trumbower 048.

Matt Loesch '07, Chair of the Student Technology Committee said "that I'd like to see it there [Seegers], however, various issues surround the debate. Issues such as overcrowding at GQ during peak hours are one of the primary issues of concern. For instance, there is no extra seating for people who may want to work during meal time."

Although it is difficult to gauge how many people would take advantage of it, overcrowding is a concern to GQ workers.

Nationwide, technology is constantly updating and adapting to the needs of college students. Students look for conveniences in any possible situation. Wireless campuses and 'hot-spots' are not only a major draw for current students, but for prospective students as well. A campus with more wireless capabilities could potentially draw in more students.

"By putting wireless into the Seegers area, it gives students more of an opportunity to get work done in different areas of the campus. As opposed to the library, people will have the opportunity to socially interact, as well as get work done. Some people function and work better in a more social environment, while some like it more subdued in the library," said Christy Razzi '07.

GQ workers agree as well. "It is good for the campus. Many students like to work while they eat and this gives them an easier opportunity to do so. I don't think that there will be a lot of students who come at 'peak' hours, so it shouldn't cause an overcrowding

issue. People who may have not normally have gone to GQ before may now come here, out of convenience," said Angela, a GQ cashier.

Having wireless access available at new points on campus raises difficult questions before proceeding. "The issue and proposal is taking longer because there are certain security issues which have stalled it. Also, a third generation wireless system which is less expensive and easier to use has come out recently," said Rick Cohen '08, a participant in the Technology Committee.

"There has been a delay because there is a new generation of wireless which the school is waiting a shipment for. The last generation which the school had took more people to staff, and was expensive. Muhlenberg has to be more cost conscience in terms of spending and spend what is available with their funds," Loesch said. "There isn't a real debate as to whether it is conceivable to put wireless in that area, the biggest roadblock is how to go about in purchasing."

In moving forward, the Technology Committee sees

other possible places of interest for wireless access in the Center for the Arts, the Red Door, ML Underground and the new science center. The science center will be readily equipped with wireless access upon completion.

Once the Director of OIT and the Office of OIT review the letter, it will become clearer as to how quickly this process moves forward. The Finance Committee and OIT must take cost into consideration along with any potential space conflicts that may arise.



When wireless Internet comes to Seegers Union, computers such as these may see a decrease in usage.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High: 69 Low: 45	High: 75 Low: 49	High: 80 Low: 52

OFF CAMPUS

Corpse pulled from Lehigh River

Lehigh Valley, Pa. - At 11:57 a.m. on Tues, Sept. 27th, the body of a man was pulled from the water of the Lehigh River south off the bridge on Main Street in Slatington, Pa. Workers at Jaflo Inc, a tree car company, discovered the corpse. The workers reported it to the police immediately.

Police reported that the night before, they were involved in a foot pursuit of a burglary suspect. They do not yet know if the corpse in the river is the same man from the night before.

Police are still investigating the issue further and hope to speak with many more witnesses that were present at the site as the week goes on.

Bush's approval ratings declining in Pennsylvania

Lehigh Valley, Pa. - According to a poll conducted by *The Morning Call* and the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion, President Bush's approval ratings have declined to very low levels among Pennsylvania voters.

Voters seemed to be displeased by the substantial raise in gas prices, as well as the President's handling of the war. However, voters polled did express approval of the way in which the President has handled the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The Morning Call and the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion will gather more information and take another poll at a further date.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Fulbeck challenges racial identity

By Carolyn Steber
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This semester's Center for Ethics topic is on "The Ethics and Politics of Identity." The main question asked is "How would you categorize yourself?" Would you consider yourself to be white, African-American, Latino, female, Resident Alien?

This past Thursday evening there was a documentary called *Banana Split* that dealt with just that question. When asked why she chose to show this documentary, Dr. Lora Taub, Assistant Professor of Communication, said "Issues of identity are commonly cast in terms of 'black and white.' Kip Fulbeck's landmark video, *Banana Split*, helps broaden and complicate conversations about identity. The video is provocative in pushing conversations about the notion of ethnic identity in U.S. culture, a culture that largely ignores multiraciality.

Fulbeck is a leading artist/scholar exploring Hapa and multiracial identity, and this film is important because it helped establish the genre of multiracial exploration in contemporary video. The film was completed while Fulbeck was still in graduate school, not much older than students at the College, and thus offers students a good example of possible ways of documenting and representing identity visually."

The documentary centers on being Asian in America. Made in 1991, it consisted of a series of short stories about Fulbeck's family and his own life as he grew up in America. *Banana Split* means that Asians are yellow on the outside and white on the inside. It serves as a visual aid for what is expected of Asians in America. They try to keep their own culture, but are often Americanized. About 25 short stories were told through an interesting and artistic medium of family pictures, clips, cartoons

and a fast and rhythmic reading done by Fulbeck himself. He further explained that he comes from a mixed family. His American father would often feel out of place when he couldn't connect culturally with his Chinese wife's relatives.

Fulbeck explained comically and sometimes seriously about his problems being accepted at school and how he never wanted a Chinese girlfriend, despite his mother's wishes. Dr. Lisa Perfetti, Director of the Center for Ethics said "We usually have documentaries in the Center for Ethics series because documentaries often help to frame the ethical questions around the topic we've chosen. The filmmaker makes certain choices about how to represent the subject matter and those often involve ethical decisions."

The filmmaker has to decide which points of view to include, who to interview to represent those views and how to portray those interviewed. These issues are certainly crucial in the identity theme where we are exploring how we view others in relation to ourselves and how we get the ideas that we do about people we view as 'other' ", said Perfetti.

The documentary was well-attended and that made for interesting discussion following the presentation. Audience members shared stories of their experiences with race and being different. Sara Horowitz '08 said "It was a very interesting documentary. I thought it was funny and it showed a lot about the author." She said "in my documentary research class with Professor Lora Taub, each person must make their own documentary project and present it to the class. Kip's documentary, 'Banana Split' really gave my classmates and I some great ideas of ways in which we could use our pictures and words to express our own individual identities."

STUDY ABROAD

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site in a state that is subject to a U.S. Travel Warning requires completion of a Supplemental Liability Waiver. Both the participant and his/her parent or guardian must provide notarized signatures on the supplemental waiver." This is to make sure that students and their families are aware of the risks they are taking.

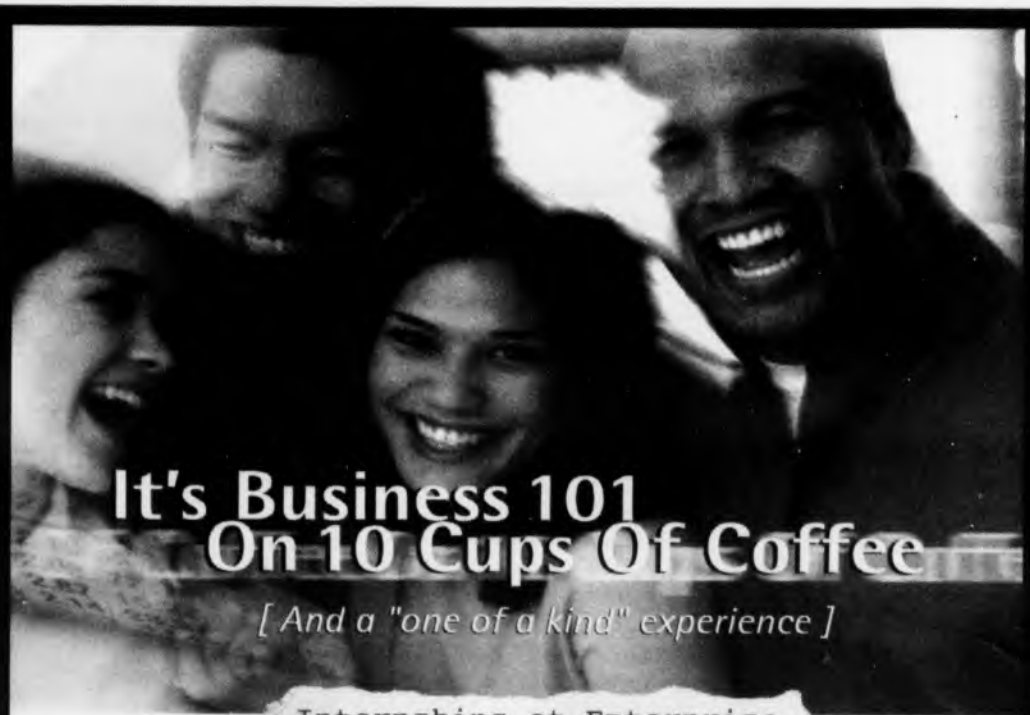
The College also reserves the right to rescind its authorization to study at a site in a state subject to a U.S. Travel Warning under

certain conditions. Should the country experience war, a dramatic increase in violence or the outbreak of an epidemic, the College may ask the students to end their studies. Also, the College has "limited obligation" to students who need to leave countries on the U.S. Travel Warning List early as a result of deteriorating conditions in the country. The policy strongly suggests that students and their guardians keep this in mind when deciding where to study.

Although provisions are being made for students who feel it is necessary to study

in a country subject to a U.S. Travel Warning, Helm suggests that students think hard and long about their decision to study in such countries. He urges students who wish to study in such countries to "think very carefully as to whether this is really essential to your studies. The natural optimism of youth can lead students to be dismissive of danger. I don't want anybody to get hurt."

Furthermore, it is recommended that students talk to other students who have traveled abroad and get some feedback from them.



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Students help search for the perfect dress

By Caroline Shadood
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Real life fairy tales can exist in one exceptionally unique community service project which coordinator Dee Ross '06 proclaimed to be "a fun girl event." Dress Upon a Star, formerly known as The Glass Slipper Project, is a donation based community service project.

When asked how the program worked, Ross said, "It's a community service event that gives Muhlenberg students and faculty a chance to recycle formal wear for local Allentown high school girls." In the showroom, located in Miller Forum, local girls come in while the College students act as personal shoppers.

Dress Upon a Star is set up like a quality consignment shop meets high school dance meets fashion show meets a friendly get-together, all fueled by genuine appreciation and excitement from both the locals and the College community.

The occasion is catered and has a DJ and makeshift dressing rooms. "We really try to make it as a fun event, not charity event."

Shoes, purses, costume jewelry and, of course,

dressess are available. Each girl leaves with two full outfits. There are also free raffles available. Prizes include a free tuxedo rental for the girl's date, a makeover at a local salon, hair styling and manicures and pedicures. This year the Dress Upon a Star team are hoping for "really fancy raffle prizes like a stretch limo for the night."

Ross said, "Last year it was so cute. Parents came shopping with their daughters. Boyfriends were helping girls pick out their outfits and helping zip up the backs of the dresses." Parents and boyfriends alike were consulting the personal shoppers. "This is real, hands-on community Service."

Project coordinators Sabrina Krum '06 and Ross have high expectations for the event. According to Dee, last year they "gave out about 90 dresses, which was very successful." The occasion took place in December, before winter formals. This year, however, the event is going to be in April, leaving a full seven months for it to build up. This is only Dress Upon a Star's second year and already the coordinators have decided to make it an annual event. "This second

year will hopefully run a lot smoother. This time around we have the full year to collect donations," said Ross.

"What we are really banking on this year though, are the freshman donations," said Ross. She encourages all students to donate dresses, shawls, shoes, jewelry of any kind

and anything else that will help the project be a great success. Ross said, "We are already collecting donations."

Ross can not say enough positive things about her experience with the Dress Upon A Star Project thus far. "I had an amazing time at my prom. I took a pic-

ture with the girl who took my senior prom dress. It was the cutest thing and she looked gorgeous. I have the picture framed in my room," said Ross.

"This year we have the entire year to work on the event. This event this year is going to be amazing," said Ross.



Students donate prom dresses to local Allentown girls.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 21 - Fire alarm sounding - In East Hall the fire alarm went off because of aerosol spray someone released on the third floor.

Sept. 21 - Flames/Smoke visible - At 2243 Liberty Street residents were using the mailbox as an ashtray. This started a fire.

Sept. 21 - Injured Students - At the Life Sports Center, a student injured his chin playing basketball and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 21 - Fire/Safety violation - In Prosser Hall, a Resident Advisor reported that there were students smoking in dorm room 1245.

Sept. 22 - Injured Student -

At Benfer Hall, a student cut his foot on glass and was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 22 - Motor Vehicle Accident - At the corner of Albright and Liberty Street, APD responded to a minor accident involving a student.

Sept. 22 - Smoke/Burning Odor - A student reported a burning smell in Shankweiler. The smell turned out to be from the construction taking place nearby.

Sept. 23 - Sick Student - Allentown EMS responded to a student who was found vomiting in Taylor Hall. He was taken to the police station because he refused to go to the hospital. He was arrested for underage con-

sumption of alcohol.

Sept. 23 - Fire alarm sounding - A smoke detector in South Hall was activated due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 23 - Suspicious student - In the Prosser parking lot, a former student, now said to be in her thirties, was asking students if they were looking for rides. She was wearing a cowboy hat, glasses, tan shorts and was smoking a cigarette.

Sept. 24 - Suspicious person - At Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, two white, non-students were making threats and trying to get into the fraternity house. One male was about 6'5, well-built and wearing a cut-off green shirt. The other male was wearing a yellow shirt and had two hoop earrings.

Sept. 24 - Underage consumption - Students were found drinking alcohol in rooms in Prosser Hall. One individual took responsibility and is being sent to Judicial Process.

Sept. 24 - Institutional Vandalism - In Walz Hall, someone punched the glass on a fire extinguisher.

Sept. 24 - Social Code Violation - At 2137 Chew Street, individuals were charged with possession of kegs and are being sent to Judicial Process.

Sept. 25 - Underage consumption - In Brown Hall, three students were charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana. The case has been sent to Judicial Process.

Sept. 25 - Sick student - A student was sent to the hospital after having stomach problems.

Sept. 25 - Fire alarm sounding - In Prosser Hall, students were playing football in the hallway. The football hit the smoke detector, broke it and set off the alarm.

Sept. 25 - Institutional Vandalism - The head resident from Martin Luther Hall discovered the third floor bathroom vandalized. Toilet paper was stuffed in all of the shower drains, toilets, and sinks. Also, a pair of shorts was found in many of the toilets and wet toilet paper was found hanging from the ceiling. Campus safety has brought in two male students for questioning.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long for it to begin."

- Anonymous

Playing mind games

By Jennifer Kuhn
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Abracadabra, presto-chango, pulling rabbits from hats and sawing women in half—these are many of the ordinary things that come to mind when one thinks of magic. However, Jim Karol's show was anything but ordinary. Mentalist Jim Karol and his assistant, Chris Chelko, dazzled the College this weekend with some amazing magical displays and extraordinary feats of the mind and body.

Karol is a master of memorization and psychic ability. Karol has memorized over 90,000 zip codes, the entire Scrabble dictionary, the day for any date, thousands of sports statistics, world geography and much more. In addition to his expansive memory, Karol has predicted the Pennsylvania lottery ticket number which was worth over 12 million dollars. (Should Karol's predictions from Saturday night be correct, the American Football Conference Champions this year will be the Indianapolis Colts and the National Football Conference Championship will be between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears.)

Karol is also the holder of several Guinness world records (including one for throwing a playing card well over 200 feet). He has also toured the country with Guinness to pro-

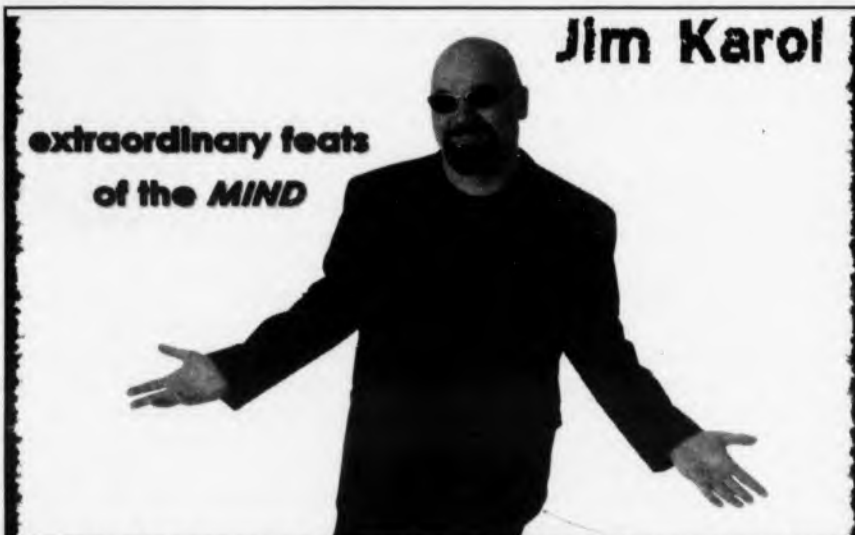
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Karol has appeared on numerous television programs including CNN, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, Fox News and E!

Chelko is a Penn State graduate who started performing magic and other feats 15 years ago. Along with Karol, Chelko has performed on several television programs, entertained many celebrities and astounded college students all over the East coast. He may soon have his own show on MTV.

Karol and Chelko put on an extremely entertaining show for the College this Saturday fittingly entitled *Mind over Madness*. Upon walking into the Garden Room, students took their seats in front of a small stage complete with two microphones and a table of assorted items. The items on the table were things such as playing cards, cantaloupes, a hunting knife, rope and a bear trap. Audience anticipation was running high as the room began to fill. In a show such as Karol's, audience participation is crucial since all demonstrations require one or more audience members.

Karol did several tricks in which he would ask a participant to think of a card. Karol would then pick up a deck of cards and fan through them only to show his audience that the card which the participant had envisioned was the only one to



Jim Karol and Chris Chelko entertained the College audience with mind feats and slights of hand.

PHOTO BY COURTESY OF JIM KAROL WEBSITE

appear upside down in the deck.

Karol did another trick in which he had a female volunteer come on stage, pick a card, show the audience and put the card back into the deck. Karol then shuffled the deck and threw the cards at the girl. As unbelievable as it sounds, 51 cards fell to the ground around the participant; the card which she had chosen, however, was inside her shirt. The audience was dumbfounded and completely baffled as to how Karol pulled off such a stunt.

Karol went on to cut a cantaloupe in half, revealing a card which had

earlier been selected by a volunteer with a corner ripped off. The torn card was found inside the melon and the torn piece which the volunteer had been holding the entire time matched perfectly. At the end of the show, Karol called on his assistant, Chelko.

Chelko shocked the College when he poured a bucket full of broken glass on the stage and then not only walked on it but jumped a good three feet in the air landing on the shards. Karol then selected a girl

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DOES "LVAIC" STAND FOR?

(ANSWER: LEHIGH VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES)



"Something having to do with religious rituals that don't make sense in the modern world, like human sacrifices."

- Josh Goldstein '08



"Las Vegas Italian Auto Club? Or is it the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges?"

- Val Robuck '06 & Lori Giesburg '06



"Maybe it's Lehigh Valley Advocates of Industrial Contraception."

- Adrian Shanker '09



"It could stand for Losing Virginity At Independent Conclaves."

- Allie Silver '07 & Emily Schweighardt '07



"I bet it is the Lehigh Valley American International Coalition."

- Scott Kramer '09

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Students and professors live up the school's motto: *The Caring College*

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

As a parent, prospective student and an enrolled student, you always hear about the special teacher/student relationship that is prone to develop due to the small size and nature of the College. You may think these statements, often touted during tours and in pamphlets, are rumors or lies made to deceive you into attending this school--into thinking that the teaching and professional relationships you will experience here will be different from other colleges.

You hear of teachers having classes over to their houses for dinner and office hours where the students can meet with their professor to discuss any problems or issues they may be having in class. And maybe the most shocking of all the so-called rumors is that the professors will know your face and actually remember your name. In the reality of the College, these are not rumors but strict facts.

"The Uncommon Hour," hosted by the Communication Department on Mon., Sept. 26th, from 4-5p.m. was an excellent example of College faculty and student integration at its most basic, yet poignant level. Gathered in the Muhlenberg College television station studio (MCTV), professors from not only the Communication department but also the Biology and Education departments came to mingle and exchange hellos with students during an hour of good food and music provided by DJ Lex Mercado '07.

Each Communication department professor brought a food dish that in some way, shape or form described their character and personality. Assistant Professor Lora Taub cooked potato latkes, Visiting Assistant Professor Kathryn Ranieri brought chili and Fritos and Assistant Professor John Sullivan brought green chile chicken enchiladas. Administrative Assistant Susan Fredericks offered refreshment with homemade lemonade while Assistant Professor Susan Kahlenberg and Instructor Jefferson Pooley joined in on the fun and food.



Professors and students talk over good food and tunes. Held in the MCTV studio, the gathering attracted around 45 students.

PHOTO BY JEFFERSON POOLEY

A personal story about the importance of their food accompanied each of the professors' dishes. These short memoirs and personal narratives offered the students a glimpse into their lives and brought teacher/student relations one step closer. Along with this sneak peek, part of the event's allure was in its casual informality--no classroom restrictions or reading related questions.

With a total of over 45 students and teachers present, "The Uncommon Hour," so named after Walson's original name, The Common Building, was an outstanding success. The professors of the College have once again demonstrated their commitment to student progress, excellence and interaction. With the continuance of involved teachers like these, the school's security as a top-ranked "Caring College" will never be contested.

Hitting the road 'student style'

By Sandy Crawford
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

With summer, one has the opportunity to indulge in the great rites of passage into young adulthood. In this, I refer not to your voice cracking eight times a day or abnormal growth spurts; nor do I allude to stealing road signs or any other such illicit behavior. In fact, for this rite of passage, road signs are really quite helpful.

The road trip really calls upon the central theme of being a teenager--one's growing independence and emerging identity. Recently, four friends and I planned and launched a successful road-trip from our humble hometown of Hockessin, Del. to my old hometown of Toronto, Canada. After some careful planning, a few minor altercations and some much needed war paint for my fierce green minivan, our group of five set off for the five hundred mile journey to the Great White North. Just short of being a Homeric journey, the trip brought us laughs, arguments, a thousand inside jokes and completely empty wallets. The

whole trip was an amazing, challenging and enlightening experience that I recommend to any teenager or young adult who hasn't yet considered it.

But before you go grabbing half of your possessions and renting an old RV, allow me to offer some helpful thoughts for the aspiring road warrior. The first is rather obvious: when you jump into that old RV, van, car, truck, tank or helicopter, it often helps to have a destination in mind. For this, it's good to start planning at least a few months in advance. If it's a relaxing time to chill out, you might be better off camping or at the beach, but if it's to soak up culture and nightlife, you're evidently looking for a decent city.

Once you've got the time and place down, you need to determine how you're going to get from A to B. I recommend Yahoo or Mapquest as useful resources for long trips. Take a map and the printed out directions and use a highlighter to draw out the basic route, circling important areas of junction where the roads change. If used in conjunction with some

solid road maps they can be excellent resources.

Next, you're going to have to decide what to pack. Clothing is generally a good idea, but money, maps, cell phones and hotel information carry a similar air of essentiality. Food and drink from home are always a good way to cut snacking costs. And a pad of paper and pencil proves very handy if the women/sensible passengers actually convince you to pull over for directions, which of course never happened on our trip, leading to what I have dubbed a "spontaneous scenic detour."

Of even more value to be hoarded in your glove compartment is spare change for tolls. Apparently, the roads you drive on actually need to be financed for repairs and upkeep. This is despite the fact that you often can't see any visible proof of these repairs, except in the form of massive traffic jams and bottlenecks in areas that aren't really under construction, but are just meant to look

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AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Cry Wolf

Fri. 4:30, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Flight Plan

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Just Like Heaven

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Into the Blue

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Roll Bounce

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Serenity

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 10:00, 4:00, 7:00

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride

Fri. 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:10, 5:15, 7:30

Sexuality myths: *fact or fiction?*

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

This semester, while taking a class called Classical Mythology, I have discovered that a myth is a story passed down through a culture, used to try and explain natural phenomena or why things are the way they are. The Greeks had many myths to explain what went on in their lives and we, as a college society, have myths as well.

Although our myths do not deal with the creation of the earth and why the sky is blue, we too have a collection of stories that try to explain why certain things happen and how they occur in our everyday lives. But a myth is a myth. It is not fact; it is a story.

Myth one: If you don't orgasm, it means you aren't having good sex. This idea is pure foolishness. What is good sex anyway? Your definition of good sex could be very different from someone else's. While a mind-blowing, screaming, howling, back scratching, bunk bed shaking orgasm might be the standard for good sex for some people, others might picture a less intense climax. Good sex can come in many forms, including kissing, caressing, stroking and talking--it does not require penetration and does not have to end up in a sloppy damp patch on one side of the bed.

The fact is that men are designed to ejaculate during sex. Barring any

problems or use of recreational drugs, alcohol and anti-depressants, once a man gets going, there is no turning back. For a woman, it is a different story. Physiologically, women do not need to orgasm to complete the reproductive process; it is simply for her pleasure. Just because you don't climax, it does not mean that you or your partner is "bad in bed" or a poor lover.

Get to know your partners' likes and dislikes, so that you both can experience the kind of sex that you will both enjoy and find satisfying.

Myth two: Bigger is always better. It's not the size of the boat, but the motion of the ocean, my friends. For example, Bob might have an eight inch penis, while Billy's is four inches. This does not make Billy an inadequate lover. Billy may have a sexual technique that will have you hearing women shrieking and sighing all over campus. It's not the size of the penis but what you choose to do with it.

Also, some women find sex with a man with a large penis to be painful. A large penis can knock against the cervix and cause bleeding. So guys, if you are an "extra large," please treat your ladies with a little respect. Go slow and listen to your partner. Would you rather make your lover cry and scream with pain or with pleasure?

Myth three: Men are always

ready for sex. Men may seem like they are always ready for sex, but thankfully this is not the case. A man's sex drive is governed by the male sex hormone testosterone. The amount of the hormone being released will determine a man's sex drive. In theory, men are more sexually driven than women. This is due to differences in our hormones, but more does not equal all the time. Sex is just as much in the mind as it is in the pants, so be sure that your partner is in the mood before jumping him.

In the beginning of a relationship, it is natural to want to spend all hours of the day and night banging away. But it's only natural that after a few months, your sexual desire will decline a little and when it does, this is no cause for concern or paranoia. Just because you are not making love every single night does not mean that your lover is no longer interested in you. They are probably just tired, or have something besides sex on their mind.

Myth four: A woman can't get pregnant when she is having her period. This myth is false, false, false. Didn't you learn anything in eighth grade health class? When a woman is having her period, this does not mean that it is okay to forget about using a condom. Sometimes ovulation (the release of an egg) can occur before a woman

has stopped bleeding from her period. Or it may occur within a few days after a woman has finished menstruating. In either case, having sex while a woman is menstruating or just a few days after she has finished can lead to pregnancy, so wrap it up.

Myth five: Condoms will protect you from all sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Condoms will protect you from STIs transmitted through bodily fluids, as long as you use them correctly. But condoms may not protect you from STIs transmitted from bodily contact, such as HPV (Human Papilloma Virus, a.k.a. Genital Warts.)

Also, STIs can be transmitted through oral sex; brushing your teeth right after oral sex does not guarantee you a get out of jail free card. In fact, brushing your teeth can cause microscopic tears in your gums that can lead to faster transmission of STIs such as gonorrhea or herpes.

Again and as always, honesty is the best policy; don't keep your partner in the dark about your sexual health. Be aware of your sexual health and be truthful with them about your sexual status. Lying to your partner could put them in danger or even threaten their life. Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!

Got sex questions you need answered questions? Email me at Lh230623@muhlenberg.edu.

LOVE
&
LIFE

Just call them the Mr.'s of Clean

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

If you have a seen a white van patrolling the parking lots of South/Robertson, Trexler Library, Martin Luther and Walz, don't be afraid. It is not a kidnapper waiting to snatch you or a private investigator documenting your every move, it is only your friendly campus laundry service picking up loads of dirty clothes. This laundry service collects your laundry on Monday at the previously mentioned four pick-up spots and delivers them back to the same location on Thursday.

Along with regular washing, the service also provides the additional convenience of dry cleaning. For the busy student who is always on the go or the lazy slacker who just can't seem to make it to the washing machine, this service appears to be vital to the cleanliness of their wardrobe as well as their personal hygiene.

Started in 1999 by Josh Goldstein '01 and Heath Abrahamson '00 as a project for an entrepreneurial class,

the laundry service at the College has seen remarkable success since its creation. With the help of their supervisor Chip Hurd, the former head of Greek Life, Goldstein and Abrahamson made their vision a reality and began to set up their business with Sunnyside Laundry, targeting students as their main customers.

Since then, it has now been taken over by Jared Goldstein '07 and Logan Romm '07 with Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Residential Services, as their supervisor. Holding the positions of CEO and CFO of the student-run organization, Goldstein and Romm have guided the laundry service to its present state of success. Currently, they have 110 student customers, an increase of over 30 students from last year.

A large part of its success can be attributed to the impressive amounts of advertising done by Goldstein and Romm. They hang signs and posters on campus and send fliers home to every single student over

the breaks.

Goldstein, a business and accounting major, and Romm, a business major, have become well-versed in the many aspects of running a smoothly functioning venture. However, like many others who have tried their hand at operating a business, they too have run into a few snags and glitches along the way.

They claim that other than having minor problems with Plant Operations over the use of a truck, the only major dilemma they have faced has been the lack of communication between the students and themselves. They hope to install a website where parents and students can pay online and announcements and schedules can be posted. "We accommodate people," Romm said. As entrepre-



Logan Romm '07 and Jared Goldstein '07 are the heads of the popular student-run laundry service on campus.

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neurs in their own right, Goldstein and Romm have improved and accelerated the College's laundry service to its present popular state.

With positive parent feedback and student satisfaction, these business students have conducted this budding organization to a professional degree.

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

She's totally into you man. There's not a day that goes by that she doesn't call or text you or leave you a cute rambling little message on AIM. In short, she's stalking you, gentle Aries, and it's scaring the crap out of you. So what should you do? I'd recommend letting her down easily, in a public place, with people around. This is the best way to avoid a *Fatal Attraction* kind of scenario, in which the woman totally loses it.

Taurus

The campus has been in need of a Batman-esque vigilante for quite a while now. We've had multiple burglaries, muggings and thefts over the past few years, and it's time something is done about it. All we need is one mildly unhinged student with a cape and cowl to roam from Chew Street to Liberty in a war against crime and the forces of darkness. Why don't you do it? Your life's kind of lacking in direction.

Gemini

Are you a dog person or a cat person, Gemini? I've noticed, partly due to my telepathic powers and mastery of the occult, that whether you prefer the feline or the canine is an interesting way to tell about your personality. Cat people tend to be higher strung, ansy and have a weird seductive charm. Dog people are more relaxed, just happy to be living and are down to earth. I think you are a dog person.

Cancer

It's been a weird September, for you hasn't it? You find out that your Physics professor is actually a dark vampire lord bent on the enslavement of the human race. Then it turns out that the Greek organization you were about to join is a cult harboring a reptile-demon from the netherworld. Now, your best friend, who just happens to be a witch, began using her mystical powers for evil. I can't imagine what will happen next.

Leo

You are a fantastic writer. You're short stories are insightful and devilishly entertaining, while those incendiary pieces of melodious ambrosia you call poetry have all the ladies swooning. The strange thing is, you're terrified of criticism, but don't be! I'm sure the English department will love you just as much as your swooning ladies. So show someone your work. It will all pay off.

Virgo

I know you went through that horrible breakup a few months ago, but you really have to move on. Yes, you loved them and you're still not used to seeing them with another person. Yeah, they moved on pretty quickly, didn't they? First with your roommate, then your brother and now they're making moves on your English tutor. Some people just have no standards; that's sick, just sick.

Libra

Everything was so sunny and wonderful last week! That cute upperclassman asked you out, you aced that horrific Bio exam and your parents transferred a whole bunch of money. But now the date ended badly, you forgot your essay and you spent all that money on videogames. It's not all that bad though. The good comes with the bad, and in time, everything miraculously works itself out. Just deal with it—that's life.

Scorpio

Saturn and Venus are slowly coming into perfect alignment, and you know what that means! Midterms are upon us. Wow, has the semester really already hit its midpoint? It's amazing how time flies when you're not really doing anything besides drinking and studying. So, unless you're one of those lucky English majors who get to write a giant paper, I'd suggest opening those books and get studying.

Sagittarius

Life can get very difficult sometimes. It gets like that for everybody, and the important thing to realize is that you're most definitely not alone in your inner turmoil and sociological strife. All that matters is how you get through your troubled times. For instance, talking out your problems with friends and family is a great and healthy thing to do and a good coping method. So go talk to someone and share your feelings.

Capricorn

While the nights are getting clearer, try to go out and watch the stars. It's an amazingly cool experience, one that makes you feel at one with the cosmos and all those pinpricks of light infinitely far away. While you're at it, try to find your sign in the sky; there's one constellation for every astrological sign and it might be a spiritual experience to go find yours. Take a blanket and pillow and go gaze.

Aquarius

Man, college is in full swing right now, isn't it? Classes are well underway, you've got a ton of assignments due and you've been feeding solely on Ramen Noodles for nearly a month now. All that's missing is copious amounts of alcoholic beverages and a stripper or two. My advice for the coming week: take some "me time." Enjoy time alone and reflect.

Pisces

Wake up. Eat. Go to class. Eat. Study. Sleep. Man, Pisces, that's one boring life you're leading there. Try to spice things up a bit to avoid the crushing doldrums of monotony. Instead of walking to class, try riding a experimental jetpack prototype. If you usually eat in the Garden Room for dinner, try eating a bag lunch in a dirty alleyway of Allentown.

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from the audience and told her to get on Chelko's back. Chelko again stepped onto the glass.

If that weren't enough, Chelko then took off his shirt and lay down on the shards. A 175-pound board containing 300 six-inch spikes was then placed on Chelko's chest. Karol then asked the same female participant to stand on top of the board. The girl and the board were then removed and Chelko wiped the

glass off.

Karol's website (www.mindwiz.com) has several video clips from past shows in addition to downloadable posters and pictures and information such where and when next he performs.

So, if you find that you're looking to waste time between classes or you want something else to procrastinate with other than Facebook, you can check him out there or at one of his many other shows on the East coast.

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like it so that the workers can get paid. Regardless, it still counts to have plenty of fives, ones and various forms of change on hand. Make sure your co-pilot takes care of this and always has it ready for you ahead of time. Towards the end of my recent trip, we found ourselves at a toll, sitting in line for five minutes, because we weren't prepared.

If, like us, you're planning on crossing an international border, passports, birth certificates and licenses are all a necessity. It's good to have these all ready and within the driver's capable hands at least a few minutes prior to inspection. The guards of both countries tend to ask the same basic questions about citizenship, destination, purpose and the duration of your stay. These questions should be treated with the utmost sobriety.

Crossing into Canada was fairly hassle-free, apart from the guard's mild amusement at our van's war paint and our extreme exuberance to arrive in her "boring" homeland. We begged to differ, of course, bursting with excitement to be crossing into a foreign land, until we saw yet another toll and wanted to cry.

When you get down to it, excessive toll lamenting is as paramount to the road trip as the driving itself. Safe driving, especially when carrying a car full of people you care about, is extremely important. It can be tempting to get a little lax or crazy when the music is pumped high and you're pummeling down the road with a warm breeze whip-

ping at your hair. Anyone on our trip can tell you that I, myself, am guilty of giving into the temptation once or twice. Trust me, after ten hours of straight driving, you're going to want to stick your head out the window if only just to wake yourself up.

Which brings me to my next suggestion--switch drivers. Do not try to drive like a trucker. I tried this, mainly out of stubbornness, and I can attest that it truly takes its toll. After only taking a two-hour break in the middle of a fourteen-hour trip, I found my body and mind aching by the time we finally pulled into the hotel parking lot. Fatigue can slow your reaction time and generally make the driving more dangerous. If you keep your speeds a little lower and your tired eyes a little more vigilant, you'll be fine. Distractions such as cell phones and friends are other things of which you need to be wary. Focus on the road when you are driving.

While fatigue, inclement weather and the dark of night are inevitable, other distractions are a danger you can help to reduce. While you are on the trip to have fun, realize that accidents are not fun, nor is being pulled over for speeding or missing an exit. There's no reason not to have music going, or ridiculous, mind-numbing conversations, so long as the driver can still maintain focus on the road. And remember that you're only young once, and opportunities to drive off into the sunset without a care only get slimmer. Make memories. Go seize the road, before it gets away.

Recipes

For those of you looking for a quick and easy fix for those munchies at midnight, here is a simple recipe that you can make in your room. It's a quick, easy and fat free dessert that should quiet any craving.

Brownie in a Mug

2 tbs. Fat free brownie mix

1 tb. Fat free vanilla yogurt

Mix the two ingredients together in a ceramic microwaveable coffee mug and microwave for 45 seconds. Wait for it to cool and enjoy!

A talented player, a strong 2005 squad

Mule Profile--Andrea Dello Russo

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Entering the season ranked fourth in the Centennial Conference pre-season poll, the women's soccer team hopes to continue their tradition of Conference success with the help of Junior Andrea Dello Russo.

A forward for the first time, who has started all six games this season, Dello Russo has already scored two goals, which were scored in the team's season opener versus Cabrini College.

A three-year varsity player for the Mules, Dello Russo began her soccer career in Bernardsville, NJ. Captain of her high school team her junior and senior seasons, she proved herself as a sophomore, leading her team to two conference titles and the state semi-finals.

She also received All-conference and All-State honors as a senior.

In addition to soccer, Dello Russo ran two years of varsity track before switching to lacrosse for her last two high school seasons.

Once she arrived at the College, Dello Russo saw



Junior Andrea Dello-Russo blows past competitors as she charges down the field.

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limited playing time but ended up earning her minutes and a starting spot by the end of her freshman season. That 2003 team went on to win the Conference title, which was the team's third CC crown in four

seasons.

After earning a Sweet 16 berth and a first-round bye in the NCAA tournament,


the team went on to beat Eastern Connecticut State 3-1 before they fell to Scranton University 1-0.

As a sophomore, Dello Russo and the team made its fourth straight trip to the CC playoffs, where they lost to Ursinus in the first round. With that loss propelling the team into this season, Dello Russo.

"The team is working on finishing, especially in overtime. It's something we need to work on to be successful this season, as we are hoping to make the finals of the Conference tournament," said Dello Russo.

Though she undoubtedly keeps busy on the field, Dello Russo is also an active member of the College community. A Neuroscience major and an art minor, she also participates in Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC), Habitat for Humanity and is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

With this season looking promising, Dello Russo also has high hopes for her senior season. "I'd like the team to make it to the Conference finals one more time, ideally this year or in 2006. But some sort of Conference title would be especially sweet as a senior."




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9/24 Cougar
Classic - 4th

Men's Soccer
9/21 MC 0 DeSales 1
9/24 MC 2
Washington 1

Women's X Country
9/24 Cougar
Classic - 2nd

Volleyball
9/21 MC 3 Dickinson 0
9/23 MC 1 Tufts 3
MC 0 Coast Guard 3
9/24 MC 0 Vassar 3
MC 1 Colby 3

Field Hockey
9/21 MC 1 Drew 0
9/24 MC 2 McDaniel 0

Football
9/24 MC 6 Grove
City 16

Women's Soccer
9/24 MC 0
Johns Hopkins 1

Mules take second and fourth

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

At Miseracordia College's Cougar Classic last weekend, the men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and second, respectively. These performances were all achieved without the majority of the teams' top runners.

In the men's race, the College's top finisher was Senior Joseph Ganzer, who took 11th place. Two other Mule runners, Freshman Tim Van Syckle and Junior Will Trevethick, finished in 14th and 18th place, respectively.

Even though the teams usual top two women did not race, the team still secured the second place spot. Freshman Kathryn Niedzwiecki led the College's crew, beating another runner by four seconds to claim the fifth spot.

Six other runners from the College finished in the top 20. Respectively, Sophomore Laura Clinton, Freshman Janette Adams and Sophomore Alicia Lycoming finished in eighth, ninth and 12th places.

The top runners from both teams rested over the weekend because of a tough schedule ahead. With the Dickinson Invitational, the Villa Julie Invite and the DeSales Invitational coming up in the next few weeks, the top runners needed to rest since the Cougar Classic is not at the same level of competition as these three. Despite the lower key race, the Mules still ran hard.

"We ran a really aggressive meet last weekend," said Clinton. "Even though we were missing our top two runners, we finished in a pack."

CROSS COUNTRY

Mules fall short in first game of season

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The rugby club team fell to LaSalle College 39-10 in their first game of the season last Saturday.

While the tallies are unbalanced, the College held their own by scoring twice in the game, which is two more than they did all of last year's fall season. Senior co-Captain Julie High ran the ball in for a try late in the first half. LaSalle scored three more tries before freshman eight-man Jenna Forte scored midway through the second half.

Even though the College stayed close to their goal line for ten minutes of the second half, LaSalle scored an unanswered two tries before the game-ending whistle blew. Even though LaSalle seemed to run away with the game, the College did dominate in at least one area--the pack.

Even though LaSalle's pack had about a 100-pound advantage over the College's pack, the Mules won nearly every scrum ball in the literal head-to-head battles. This game was the second for LaSalle, and on this fact, the College places some responsibility of the loss.

"LaSalle had had a game the week before so they had that practice under their belt and any jitters were gone," said High. "We did not have that being that this was our first game. If we had played the week before, we could have beat them."

Also, the team has many newcomers. Since a game requires 15 players on the field, some new players needed to start.

"The team played very well considering we had many inexperienced players starting," says Senior Emily Steginski. "I am very proud of the rookies and the team's performance."

RUGBY

Effort proves not enough for the win

By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules played a solid game on Saturday against Johns Hopkins University, but still were defeated by the Blue Jays.

The girls were determined to take down Hopkins with their home field advantage, and their concentration was evident during their 90 minutes of playing time.

The Mules' second Centennial Conference game showed a great effort by the women.

The Blue Jays were also here for a fight, and both teams put forth a valiant effort.

Johns Hopkins was able to get eight total shots on goal during the entire game. The College's defense showed their abilities by only letting one shot through to junior goalie Kayla Boisvert.

Freshmen Heather Scudellari was a crucial player for the College's defense. Scudellari played both sides of the field well with Sophomore Maura Hendsey and Senior Katie Amari.

Scudellari stepped up to the ball and fended off many shots from Hopkins' offense.

Despite efforts by the offense, the Mules were not able to get any shots on goal. They held the pressure on the Blue Jays, but were unable to

break through the tough Hopkins defense.

Forward Andrea Dello Russo also played an excellent game. Dello Russo showed her leadership abilities along with her fellow upperclassmen teammates, including Junior Elana Rabinowitz.

This game showed that the Mules were connecting much better with one another.

Their passing has improved and they are all more aware of each other's position on the field.

It wasn't until late in the second half that a goal was scored by Hopkins.

The Mules still showed a great effort for the remaining 14 minutes of the game after the goal was scored.

The game ended in a 0-1 loss for the Mules.

The Blue Jays walked away holding their undefeated status and their national ranking after Saturday's game. The Blue Jays are ranked 15th in the nation.

This game now leaves the Mules with a 0-1-1 Centennial Conference record.

They will be playing an away game against Haverford on Saturday.

"We hope that these games not only improve our record, but we hope that they help us qualify for the Conference Tournament," said Dello Russo.



Sophomore Allisa Constantinople steals the ball away from the opponent in an attempt to spur on her team.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fumbles lead to the second season loss

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules (1-2) played a tough game on Saturday at Grove City College. Turnovers kept the Mules from seizing a victory. They lost their second game in a row, falling 16-6 to the Wolverines (1-3).

At 9:55 in the first quarter Grove City was first on the scoreboard with a field goal.

The Mules took initiative and drove the ball down to the four yard line, but failed to score on fourth down. The end of the first quarter gave way to the first of the Mules' fumbles at their own 26 yard line.

The beginning of the second quarter the Wolverines scored a touchdown and improved their lead to 10-0. However, this put the pressure back on the Mules.

Senior quarterback Tom Kelleher moved the ball downfield 65 yards by throwing three consecutive completions and ending with a 16-yard touchdown pass to the College's go-to man Senior Kyle Douglas.

The Mules got the ball back with 37 seconds left in the half. They successfully drove down to the Grove City 19 yardline, but then missed the field goal

as time ran out.

The College took the opening drive of the new half from their 39 yardline to the Wolverine 20. The drive ended as the Mules lost the ball in another fumble.

That was the last time the Mules came close to scoring for the remainder of the game. With 4:22 left in the third quarter, Grove City ran in their final touchdown and left the scoreboard at 16-6 for the remainder of the game despite the Mules' effort.

The Mules were responsible for four of the five fumbles that occurred.

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Two of those fumbles turned into scoring opportunities for the Wolverines. Despite these offensive discrepancies, Freshman John DeLuca achieved a career-high rushing 50 yards this game.

The defense put up a fight for the Wolverines. Senior Dan McCall led the defense. McCall attacked the opposing offense with nine tackles and two sacks. McCall is now the College's All-Time leader in career sacks with a grand total of 20 sacks, which beat Andy Pratt's record of 18 sacks in 1995.

The Mules are looking for a win to improve their record to .500 next week at Franklin and Marshall College.

DID YOU KNOW?

While playing in the first quarter of the NBA match between the Pacers and Atlanta Hawks, Reggie Miller set a league record by becoming the first player to score 100 three-pointers for six seasons in a row on Jan. 20, 1995.

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fourth consecutive one goal game between the two teams.

"Well, neither game was a very good game but Saturday's was a Conference game so it definitely mattered more. Ramirez had a great game, but overall it was a bit ugly," said Kliewer. "But what matters is that we got the result we needed, we're 2-0 in the Conference

and we're sitting pretty on the top."

Speaking about the upcoming week, Kliewer added, "We have a big week coming up with two tough Centennial Conference games, especially playing at McDaniel next weekend."

The Mules next game is on Saturday at McDaniel College. The College's next home game is homecoming weekend vs. Swarthmore College.

Mules win sets; fall to MIT



Senior Julie Lauro spikes the ball over the net as the Mules rallied against Tufts University.

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Women's volleyball started their Centennial Conference record strong with a win against rival Dickinson College last Wednesday.

A lot of their effort came from their serving. The Mules collected a season high 13 aces.

Freshman Megan Eiser had a career-high six aces, Sophomore Megan Young had a career-high four aces and Senior Mary Henning had two more aces. Henning is now the 12th Mule with 100 career aces.

Dickinson did not seem to be much of a match for the Mules. The Mules won in three straight sets, 30-26, 30-23, 30-22. Senior Julie Lauro led the charge at the net with 12 kills and Junior Courtney Williams collected ten kills.

With a 1-0 Centennial Conference record and 8-2 overall, the Mules were off to their best start since 1994, when they

started 10-1.

This past weekend, the Mules traveled to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for a weekend tournament. Their first opponent was Tufts. The Mules played well the first game, winning the set 30-26 but couldn't finish them off.

Tufts came back strong winning

30-14.

With the match tied at 1-1, it was a fight to the end. The College couldn't pull it off, losing the next two matches 30-27 and 30-28.

Henning reached another career milestone, passing the 2,000-assist mark with her 45 against Tufts.

The Mules also played the Coast Guard and Vassar College this weekend. In addition to losing their three sets, the Mules lost 3-1 to Colby College.

After a rough 0-4 weekend, the Mules' record dropped to 8-6. Their next match is at Johns Hopkins University on Saturday.

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McDaniel leaves without a win

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules won their first victory of the season on Saturday. They beat McDaniel College 2-0 and secured their first Centennial Conference win of the season. The Mules scored on two back-to-back penalty corners in the second half.

The first goal was scored with 17:12 left in the game, when Sophomore Lauren Rutt took the corner sweep to Sophomore Nikki Rhoads and Rhoads scored the first goal of the game and of her career.

No less than three minutes later, Senior Steph Light rocketed a shot from the top of the circle for her first career goal, giving the Mules the 2-0 lead.

"We have really improved the accuracy of our corners so we were bound to score off of them sooner or later. It was really nice that we were able to notch two goals on corners to secure our first Conference win," said Light.

McDaniel had a chance to score with under seven minutes to play when they were awarded a penalty

stroke. However, the ball hit the crossbar and went out of bounds to secure the shutout.

Junior goalie Lauren Schram made seven saves for her fourth shutout of the year. This was the first Muhlenberg-McDaniel game that was decided by more than one goal since 1997.

"It's really great to get off on the right foot in Conference play. That was without a doubt the most important win of our season thus far, said Rhoads. "Hopefully now we

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can carry this positive momentum into the rest of Conference play, and string together a ton of wins. We would love to

surprise everyone in the Conference, with a Conference win."

This was the first time since 2001 that the Mules had defeated McDaniel College. The College is now 1-0 in the Centennial Conference for the first time since 1996.

The Mules next game is away at Johns Hopkins University Saturday at 1 p.m.



Junior Jess Hand dribbles down the field to lead the Mules to victory.

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Senior Jose Ramirez carries the ball on an offensive attack to lead the Mules to their second Centennial Conference win.

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Mules bounce back after first loss

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After a disappointing first game, the Mules celebrated a 2-1 win over Washington College on Saturday.

The Mules, who had their 12 game unbeaten streak snapped on Wednesday by DeSales University, extended their home Centennial Conference unbeaten streak to 13 games. They also extended their unbeaten streak against the Shoremen to 19 games.

Muhlenberg is 17-0-2 against Washington College (Md.). With the win, the Mules are now 2-0 in Conference play.

In a rough game in which several yellow cards were issued, the College dominated early but couldn't score a goal until there were just 20 minutes left in the first

half. Following a great save by Washington's goalie, Senior Jose Ramirez took the corner kick and sent the ball to the far post.

Senior co-Captain Adam Milberg headed the ball back toward the near post where Sophomore Jonathan Klier was able to knock it in for his first goal of the season and fifth of his career. Ramirez, assisting on both goals of the game, hit the post with a shot later in the half.

Early in the second half Ramirez beat several back down the field. At the mouth of the goal he passed the ball off to Senior James Henshaw, who knocked in his 25th career goal.

Washington staged a late comeback, scoring a goal with just over two minutes to play to ensure the

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

Staying Healthy



Dieting: their way or the right way?

By Brynnmarie Dorsey
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It seems that everywhere you look these days, advice is being offered on how and what to eat and drink. While nearly forty billion dollars per year are spent on diet books, diet foods, diet programs, fad diets and weight loss gimmicks, two-thirds of Americans are classified as overweight. Clearly, the majority of diets do not work. Fifty percent of Americans diet annually, with the average diet lasting 42 days (generally from January 1st to February 11th). Only five to ten percent of dieters will maintain a significant weight loss of ten percent or more of their starting weight.

With so many people looking for a "quick fix" for weight loss, fad diets are becoming much more popular. Fad diets typically overemphasize one particular food group, usually promoting rapid weight loss. Often these diets have a high drop-out rate because they are so difficult to maintain.

Fad diets violate a basic principle of good nutrition, which is to eat a wide variety of foods, thereby avoiding any nutritional deficiencies. Also, fad diets fail to address the importance of exercise in weight loss. Generally they offer a short-term solution to a problem which actually requires a long-term effort and commitment. Offering potentially dramatic weight loss without the hunger pangs, high protein diets are becoming increasingly prevalent in our society. These high protein diets claim that carbohydrate consumption increases appetite, sugar addiction, high blood sugar, insulin resistance and increased body fat.

These diets are based on the theory that 75 percent of Americans are insulin resistant.

High carbohydrate intake leads to a dramatic surge of insulin. Because of insulin resistance, the glucose cannot be used for energy, so it is stored as fat. As such, fad diets profess that carbohydrates cause people to gain weight. In reality, however, only 10-25 percent of Americans are insulin resistant. Insulin resistance should be treated with increased activity and decrease in weight. This causes depletion of glycogen stores and increased blood glucose absorption. Therefore, less insulin is needed. Carbohydrates are not the enemy. A sedentary lifestyle is the culprit.

Dr. Atkin's *New Diet Revolution* claims that only carbohydrates make people fat. This diet encourages high protein and high fat foods while carbohydrates are restricted. The concerns with this diet are that it is high in saturated fats and too low in fruits, whole grains, calcium and fiber. Some side effects from this diet are fatigue, constipation, nausea, vomiting and bad breath. There is also a concern of potential long-term effects on the heart, bones and kidneys.

Contrastly, *The Zone* by Barry Sears claims that the correct ratio of carbohydrates to protein to fat promotes weight loss and healthy living. Although this diet encourages reasonably healthy foods low in saturated fat and high in fruits and vegetables, the average daily caloric consumption is 1,000 calories. This is below the acceptable minimum 1,200 calorie daily diet. This diet is also low in whole grains and calcium. *The South Beach Diet* by Arthur Agatston claims the faster sugar and starches are digested, the more weight the person gains. This diet promotes three healthy, balanced meals a day, consisting of "good" carbohydrates (high fiber cereals and wheat breads) and good fats. Although

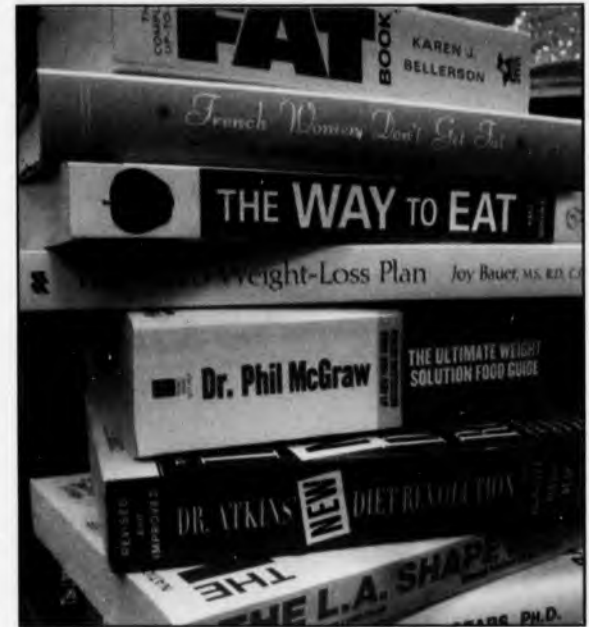


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the South Beach Diet does not omit any major food group and it emphasizes consistent meal plans with plenty of water, there is concern that it is too high in fat.

A balanced diet coupled with regular exercise is the key to success of any weight loss plan. The new food guide pyramid, developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is a good resource for balanced, healthy nutrition. The pyramid encourages eating a wide variety of foods, with an emphasis on eating less of some foods and more of others. The new pyramid shows a person climbing the staircase on the side of the pyramid, emphasizing the importance of exercise and activity.

Metabolism: powering the human body

By Keri Colabroy, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

In many ways the human body operates like a machine. Our bodies need a source of energy to operate, to build complex molecules such as DNA and protein and to run basic processes such as brain function, breathing oxygen from the air or contracting our muscles.

If the human body is an elegant machine, the inner wheels, cogs and gears would be what scientists call metabolism. Metabolism is the sum of all chemical processes required to break down food for energy and synthesize complex molecules for cell growth. Enzymes catalyze the individual chemical reactions of metabolism--they break down food for use in the body or synthesize complex molecules like the DNA needed in cell division.

The human machine has three major sources of input energy: carbohydrates (bread, grains and simple sugars such as those in milk and fruit), protein (meat, legumes) and fats (too many kinds to name). When the body consumes one of these energy sources, the food molecules are broken down into smaller pieces using enzymes--doing so releases the stored energy in the food and provides small pieces from which to build more complex molecules.

Each food source has a specific role to play in metabolism. Carbohydrates are the dietary

source of an important sugar called glucose. In fact, carbohydrates, such as the starch in potatoes, are simply very long chains of connected glucose molecules. Glucose is so important because it is the only source of fuel for the brain, red blood cells and several other tissues. Your brain uses about 120 grams of glucose per day. Any carbohydrate consumed in excess of what is needed for running the body's basic metabolic processes is converted to glycogen or fat for long term storage.

Ninety percent of the dietary fat consumed by humans is composed of molecules called triacylglycerols. Triacylglycerols are made of two parts--a glycerol molecule and three fatty acids. Fatty acids pack a tremendous amount of energy into a small space. In the human body, a quantity of stored "fat" provides six times the amount of metabolic energy than an equivalent weight of stored carbohydrate. The high energy content of fat and its easy storage make it the body's primary source of energy reserve.

Protein is the dietary source of amino acids. Amino acids can serve as fuel to run metabolic processes; however, they are never used by the brain. Amino acids can also be used to make new protein and enzymes. Extra amino acids are not stored in the body as extra protein, but are converted to glucose and fatty acids and either stored or used for energy.

The human body takes in energy in the form of food and expends energy to do all the things

you enjoy about being human--contracting muscles, generating nerve impulses for speaking, thinking...the list goes on. A way to think about the amount of energy the body consumes is the measure of a calorie. The scientific definition of a calorie is the amount of energy required to heat one gram of water, one degree Celsius.

When you look at the nutrition information for a particular food, it tells you the number of calories contained in a single serving or quantity of that food. You can think of it as the amount of "heat energy" given off when that food is combusted in the body. The amount of energy you "input" in the form of food versus the amount of energy you "output" to run metabolic processes is called energy balance. If you consume more energy than you need to sustain the basic energy needs of the body, the excess food is stored in body as energy reserve. Most of our energy reserves are in the form of fat (adipose tissue). The average American adult has approximately 135,000 calories of energy stored as fat.

Each type of food you consume has a specific role to play in metabolism. Carbohydrates fuel the brain, fats provide extra energy and long term energy storage, protein is good for fuel and the amino acids are used to build enzymes. Even the vitamins and minerals we consume with our food are necessary for metabolic enzymes to function. Be sure to get all the right fuel for you machine and keep your energy needs balanced.

Eating properly: all of the facts, none of the cheese

By Sue Hurd

Registered Dietician, Sodexo Inc.

7he number of food options in the Garden Room and General's Quarters may seem overwhelming. It makes the task of choosing healthy foods seem daunting, but it does not have to be. The good thing is that an abundance of healthy choices are available if you know how to navigate through the dining hall. So, can you get the nutrition your body needs by dining on campus? Certainly, if you apply a few basic principles.

Let the new Food Pyramid guide your choices. Want to eat healthier? Then give some thought to what you choose. The new Food Pyramid is a user-friendly, interactive web-based tool. It is designed to make choosing a healthy diet easy for you.

Eat breakfast. Your grandmother told you. Your mother told you. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Though you might be tempted to skip this meal in favor of a few extra winks, eating breakfast can make or break your day. It provides the body with necessary fuel to run more efficiently through the day. You would not let your car run on empty, why should you let your body?

Make breakfast easy. Traditional breakfast fare of whole grain breads, cereals, lowfat milk, yogurt, cheeses, eggs and fruits are super choices. Sleep late? Not to worry. Any meal eaten within an hour of waking can "break the fast". Be creative. Even that leftover turkey sub can substitute for eggs and toast.

Avoid skipping meals. Your body needs to be fueled every four to five hours. Fit time in to your day for lunch, dinner and snacks. If you let too much time lapse between eating, you will be overly hungry. This increases the likelihood of overeating at your next meal. Have a late night study group? Plan ahead for the late night



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food that accompanies it. Factor in that late-night pizza by having a snack at your normal dinner time, and count the pizza as a meal.

Make effective use of your dorm fridge to keep healthier options on hand when studying. Fruit, veggies and dip, milk, yogurt and cheese are great high-energy, nutrient-rich snack alternatives to chips and cookies. Choose wisely from your meal plan. Many students complain that there is "never anything to eat" in the dining hall.

These feelings are influenced by the fact that you are eating in the same location every day. And sometimes you are eating the same thing every day and are not willing to mix it up a bit. What students fail to understand is that most dining service venues, whether it is in business, industry or college, utilize a cycle menu for their core entrees. These cycles are often four to six weeks long. Most families don't have a reper-

toire of 28-42 entree options! The base menu is then supplemented with items such as salad bars, fruit, desserts, beverages and grill items. These may or may not change daily. The key to healthful eating is to take advantage of these many options in planning what you are going to eat.

Here are some tips to help you navigate meal time: Walk through the serving area to see what's available to eat before taking anything. Also, remember what you have already eaten that day. Fill in the gaps from the food groups you have missed.

Choose your fruits and vegetables first. These are most often overlooked when you are hungry. Then choose your meat/alternative, whole grains and lowfat dairy items. Do not go back for seconds. When your body signals that you are full, remove your tray so that the urge to nibble on leftover food is minimized.

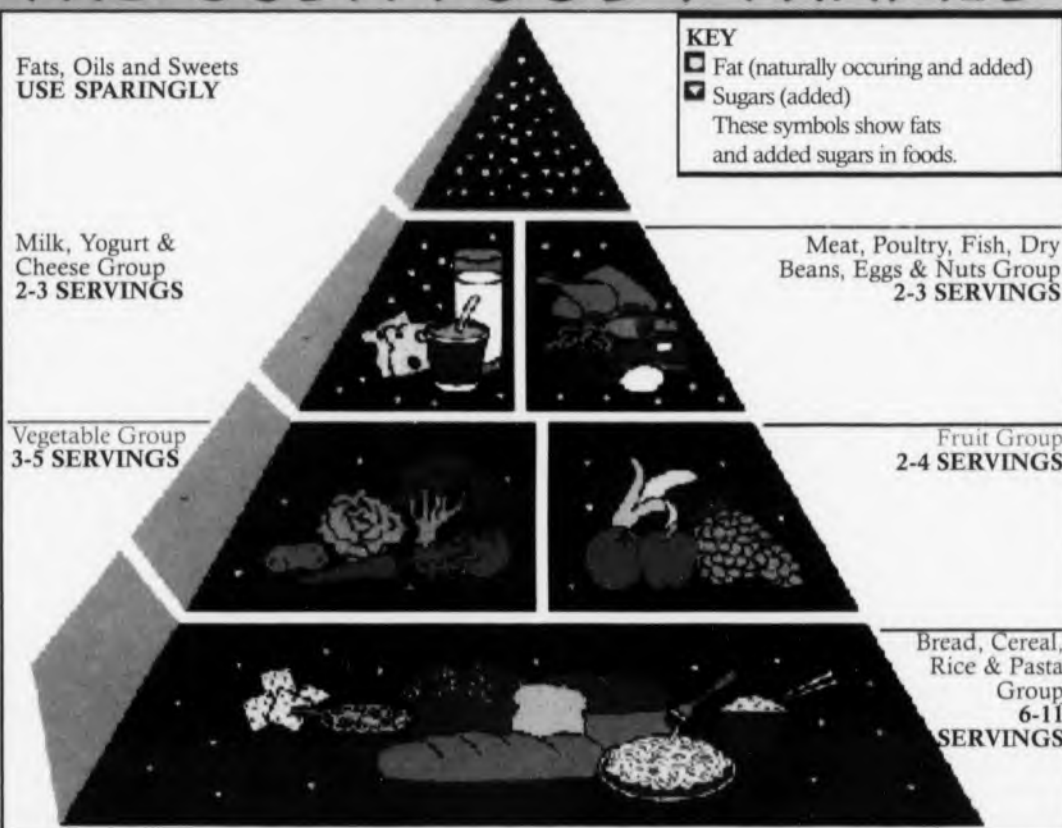
DIETING TIPS

1. DRINK WATER
2. DO NOT TRUST FAD DIETS
3. USE THE FOOD PYRAMID
4. EAT IN MODERATION
5. BE PATIENT: DIETS REQUIRE TIME TO SEE RESULTS
6. BE ACTIVE EVERY DAY

EXERCISE TIPS

1. DRINK WATER
2. VARY YOUR ROUTINE
3. DO AEROBIC EXERCISE
4. MAINTAIN A TARGET HEART RATE
5. STRETCH BEFORE EXERCISING

THE USDA FOOD PYRAMID



Running in place never got you so far

By Linda Andrews

Associate Professor of Fitness and Wellness

When Justin arrived at Muhlenberg College in the fall of 2004, he was an eager, optimistic first-year student ready to meet the new challenges of college life. He also arrived fifty pounds overweight with a high cholesterol level and high blood pressure.

His family physician told him that if he did not address this problem at age 18, by the time he reaches age 40 he most likely would have serious health problems. Since physical inactivity is the second greatest threat to optimal health in the United States today, he was heading down a dangerous path that leads to what health care professionals call sedentary death syndrome.

Sedentary lifestyles and obesity are becoming increasingly problematic for our nation and, most notably, for our nation's young people. Too much time is spent in front of the television and

Too much time is being spent in front of the television and the computer, whereas too little time is spent taking care of the body...

a daily commitment to an exercise program may well be the miracle pill to optimal health and well-being.

With the addition to the Life Sports Center and the guidance received in the Principles of Fitness and Wellness classes, beginning a fitness program is relatively easy and inexpensive. All that is needed is a good pair of training shoes and an understanding of the health-rated fitness components and exercise training principles.

Health related fitness components include cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and body composition. Although all components are necessary for overall fitness, the most important component is cardiorespiratory endurance.

Cardio-respiratory endurance is achieved through aerobic exercise, which strengthens the



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heart and helps to maintain desirable body weight. Aerobic exercise is also a great way to relieve stress due to the release of endorphins which tend to create a feeling of euphoria and natural well-being.

Before embarking on a cardio-respiratory fitness program, one must understand four basic exercise guidelines. These guidelines include mode of training, duration of training, intensity of training and frequency of training.

Mode of training is an individual's choice of activity. The activity must be aerobic in nature. Examples of an aerobic activity include: walking, jogging, cycling and swimming, as well as sustained exercise done on all of the equipment in the cardio room in the Life Sports Center.

Intensity of exercise refers to maintaining a specific target heart rate in order to make the heart pump faster for a specified period of time. In general for the college-aged population, the target heart rate should be between 146 and 180 beats per minute. To monitor your heart rate during exercise simply place your fingers on the carotid artery and count the heart beats for six seconds and add a zero. This number is an approximate number of beats per minute. If you

are below your target range you need to pick up the pace, whereas if you are above your target heart rate you need to slow down the pace.

The duration of exercise is the amount of time spent on the activity. It is recommended that each session last between 30 and 60 minutes, three to five days per week on non-consecutive days. By following the basic exercise guidelines, an improvement in cardiorespiratory fitness should be evident in 12 weeks.

Although cardiorespiratory fitness can be achieved through only three days of aerobic exercise per week, sixty minutes per day of physical activity is strongly recommended for optimal health and well-being.

Because Muhlenberg is committed to the health and well-being of all students, Justin received the proper guidance and education in making healthy choices. He returned to college this semester fifty pounds lighter and has significantly lowered his blood pressure and cholesterol. Instead of spending an extraordinary amount of money on health care at age 40, he made the choice of taking the miracle pill of exercise at age 18 and is presently enjoying life as a productive, healthy college student.

Mypyramid.gov allows you to customize a food pyramid. You can enter your sex, age and level of physical activity to create a pyramid to compliment your lifestyle.

GQ CALORIE COUNTER

Menu Item	Serving Size	Calories
Chicken Wings	8 Pieces	533
Minestrone	1 cup	115
French Fries	1 Order	270
Tossed Salad	1 Order	28

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'Berg makes Katrina victims feel at home

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, the destruction left thousands of New Orleans area college students without a college to attend. After escaping this natural disaster, many of these students were left to try and find colleges to which they could transfer a week into the fall semester. After hearing about these students, the College opened its doors to five transfer students.

In a statement released by the College, President Randy Helm summed up how the College made its decision to accept the transfer students. "It was probably the shortest meeting I've ever had in my office," he said. "We gathered together --everybody said 'we have to do this--let's make it happen.'"

Dr. Simon Priest, Dean of the Wescoe School, said, "Muhlenberg decided to accept these students because it was the right thing to do; and it is what we would want other colleges to do if our college was in a similar situation."

The College wanted to accept as many students as possible, but realistically knew that there would have to be restrictions. "We decided to go with the flow and do the best we could, but we also decided that we couldn't accept many more than ten to 15 students," said Helm.

The five students accepted admission to the College through the Wescoe School. "Since they were not formally transferring in, the College decided to work

[with the students] through the Wescoe School," said Gregg Scully, Academic Advisor for the Wescoe School.

In a statement released by the College, Priest said that the Wescoe team wanted to do something more to make the students feel at home. "We all came up with the idea of securing a single gift that would make each of the

"It was really hard to leave everything behind, but everyone here has been really helpful."

Kevin A. Flores

students feel like they were at home and comfortable in their new place," he said. The students were asked what

gifts they wanted. Then the College went to local and national businesses to secure the donations for these students, which were given to them during a presentation in the President's office on Sept. 29th.

With the President's office full of TV cameras and news reporters, Priest began with a brief introduction and then gave Scully the floor. He presented Lucas Carlson, a sophomore at Tulane University who is originally from Baltimore, Md., with a \$20 K-Mart gift certificate and a \$100 gift certificate from the Phillipsburg Mall.

Carlson explained that his experience at the College has been great thus far. "The College has given us everything that we have asked for. We have been accepted with open arms," he said.

Jane Hudak, Associate Dean of the Wescoe School, then presented Christopher Ilardi, a freshman at Tulane, originally from Westchester, NY, a *Fight*

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The chapel serves as a vital aspect for many of the students at the College. It is a place of worship for Catholics and Protestants on Sundays, a place where students can go to practice their faith and seek inspiration. In order to honor the Chapel, its 75th anniversary is being celebrated.

On Sat, Oct. 8th at 7:00 p.m., there will be an organ recital as part of the chapel's celebration. This event is free and open to anyone who may wish to go.

Chaplain Peter Bredlau explains that, "The recital will feature the organist Stephen Williams, who will play the works of his predecessors, Harold K. Marks, Ludwig Lenel and Charles McClain, who have served at Muhlenberg College during the past seventy-five years."

Williams will also play one of the works that was heard at the chapel's dedication on June 1, 1931. In addition, he will be playing original pieces.

This is just the first of several celebrations to take place. According to Bredlau, "On the Sunday of Homecoming weekend, there will be a guest speaker, Mike Mykescholtes."

Mykescholtes is an alumni of the College, currently studying as a seminarian in hopes of becoming a pastor. Later this year, Bredlau hopes to have some historical displays to show artifacts. There will also be a spring event during reunion weekend in June, where a festival worship service will be held. "This is also an opportunity for couples who were married in the chapel,

and outside [of it] to renew their wedding vows," said Bredlau.

There will be a guest preacher for this event, but the minister has yet to be named.

The idea of having these celebrations to honor the chapel's 75th anniversary came primarily from Bredlau. The chapel usually holds celebrations after every twenty-five years, but Bredlau was unaware what the College had done to honor the chapel's 50th anniversary. He has done most of the planning for these events, but has had some help from alumni.

Bredlau is unsure how popular these events will be. He has advertised it to students and faculty at the College and the general Allentown area, but believes that attendance will be hard to predict.



The chapel will open its doors to those who want to celebrate.

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Free music could cost you your education

If the College administration approves the new policy that links the act of illegally downloading music with the Academic Behavior Code, they are doing a disservice to the College community (see article *Downloading music could violate ABC* p.5). The College proposed excluding the violators from the College network: no Muhlenberg email, no Capstone and no Blackboard. While this punishment may not seem severe when it is first contemplated, the consequences are far-reaching.

In the beginning of the semester, nearly all professors pass out syllabi that state requirements for taking their course. One of the primary requirements is that students have access to their Muhlenberg email account, or have all email from this account forwarded to their preferred account. Students are also required to use Blackboard, an educational online tool. A student who has violated the music downloading policy will not be able to access any of these systems and therefore will not be able to fulfill some requirements that are expected of them by their professors.

Removing a student from the network may not sound like a serious punishment to an outsider, but in reality a student who cannot access these programs will have difficulty succeeding in their classes. Shouldn't the school take an approach that would not damage the student academically but instead implement a penalty that would work to teach them a lesson regarding the actual violation?

It is true that media piracy is illegal and there is no doubt that it is punishable by law. An alternative to the complete denial of access to the College's network would be lack of Internet access in a person's room. Since the computers in the different computer labs on campus are protected by a firewall that prevents the downloading of any programs from the Internet, students will not be able to use these computers for illegal downloading. It can be easily assumed that most of the piracy goes on with a person's personal computer. By not allowing the individual to have access in their dorm or home, but still allowing the student to retrieve files from the Internet in common areas, the violator would be subject to a punishment severe enough to make them work but not daunting enough to make them fail.

Evolution theory is an intelligent design

Jôe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Harrisburg, Pa. is the site of the next phase in the ongoing war about how evolution should be taught in our country. The Board of Education of Dover, Pa. is being sued by 11 residents of their town who are against the board's new policy to teach "intelligent design" in high school biology classes.

For those who don't know, "intelligent design" is an evolution theory which states that human beings are so complex that the best explanation is that a higher being designed them. It is in contradiction of Darwin's theory of evolution which states that through "descent with modification" all life is related and has descended from a common ancestor.

President Bush and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist have both been outspoken in the past few weeks about how both theories should be taught. Bush is quoted as saying it should be taught "so people can understand what debate is about." Frist then followed up by saying that teaching both "doesn't force a particular theory on anyone." Both these sound like reasonable assertions, however, in the context of what they are talking about it is absolute nonsense.

Teaching both evolution theories and letting the kid decide in a science class is wrong. The problem with "intelligent design" is that there is no scientific data to back it up. It is relying on a miracle as the

backbone to its theory, something that can't be explained or comprehended. Darwin's theory is supported by the scientific method and significant amounts of research supporting his hypothesis. The fact that a group of people disagree with his theory does not give them a credible theory that deserves equal grounds of instruction for high school students. As *The New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman jokes, if President Bush were to say the earth was flat, news headlines might read, "Opinions Differ on Shape of Earth."

If a parent truly feels that Darwin's theory being taught in schools is corrupting their child's religious beliefs, they should have the child removed from the class while it is being taught. During the time Darwinism is being taught in the standard biology class, have the kids who want to hear about "intelligent design" leave and learn in a separate class or maybe the parent's could teach it themselves.

Another key problem with "intelligent design" is that it is a simple re-wording of "Creationism" which outright states that God created human beings. The Supreme Court ruled in 1987 that "Creationism" was not allowed to be taught in school because it was based on religion. The theory of "intelligent design" has been built by Creationists who re-worded their

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Helping others outside the red doors

Christopher Ilardi
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

In the days following the catastrophic Hurricane Katrina, many lives were affected either directly or indirectly, and the support and generosity that was shown by the people of the world was a comforting way of getting through all of it. Many people lost lives, homes, pets, friends, relatives, jobs and many other things that can never be replaced. These are the people who have needed the most help and continue to need help. There were many others whose lives were impacted such as the thousands of college students who suddenly had nowhere to go and nothing to do. As an incoming freshman at Tulane University this semester, I never imagined myself at Muhlenberg College until the day before I arrived.

All incoming freshman were required to move into Tulane on Sat. Aug. 27, two days before Katrina made landfall. Accordingly, all of our belongings were left in the dormitory rooms prior to our evacuation. When told we had to evacuate, the general mood was one of dismay but not of despair. Many people fully expected to be returning to Tulane within a week. It seemed to

me a large nuisance but not a major problem. The next few days of our lives consisted of constant monitoring of The Weather Channel and the slow realization that this was not simply just a nuisance anymore, but a national catastrophe leaving thousands homeless. In addition, there were thousands of college students in the New Orleans area that suddenly found themselves unable to either start or continue their academic careers. While the "college students" may have been extremely disappointed by the fact that they would not be attending college, the dominant sentiment on the various college blogs was that we all felt fortunate to have a home and a family to return to in contrast with the fact that so many families found themselves trapped in utterly deplorable shelters, or worse still, unable to escape the floodwaters.

Displaced students, while not in "critical need," needed to make decisions about their own college plans. Thousands of students were left wondering the same thing: What do I do now? Thanks to the incredible show of support from colleges around the country (and even around the world), we actually had many options. Some people decided to take a semester off, some decided to work, some decided to take a small

course load locally and some pursued other options. I decided I would try and attend a different college for a semester. Entering the game so late (about a week after most colleges had already started) was not going to be easy, or so I thought.

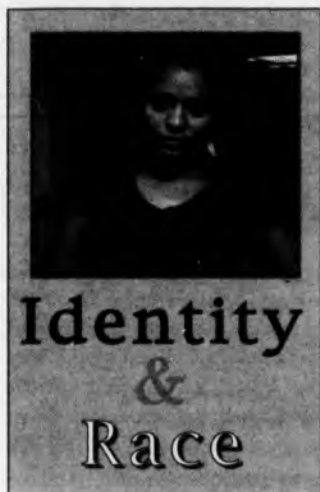
In the days following the hurricane, the phone rang off the hook at my house as parents of friends called to tell me of colleges that would accept displaced students. The show of support from colleges around the country comforted me like nothing else as I realized that everyone was trying to do their part to return a sense of normalcy to our lives. Some large universities were accepting upwards of 100 students, creating special expedited scholarship programs for them to apply through. Smaller colleges, such as Muhlenberg, which realistically could not absorb large numbers of students, announced that they would try and help displaced students. In fact, Dean Jane Hudak was working over the Labor Day weekend and communicating with me by phone and by internet.

When Muhlenberg offered me a seat in all the courses I needed for this semester, as well as stu-

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Sticks and stones: racism

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST



It's hard to go back after you've gone Black; this is what former Education Secretary William Bennett found out at the conclusion of now infamous remarks, "If you wanted to reduce crime, you could--if that were your sole purpose--you could abort every black baby in this country and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossibly ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."

He has now since resigned from his post as Chairman of the Board of the educational company K12 Inc., and still stands by his remarks and asks for apologies from news corporations whom he feels misconstrued his words.

Words become volatile and take on special roles and double consciousnesses when they are used to discuss racial matters. Words have a tendency to jump into bed with you, teasing you to suckle the teat of knowledge and at times you'll be unaware that the suspicious little tingle flowing up your spine is living terminology at its best. As Americans, I feel we put too much stock on what race isn't, and this is how we seem to define the different colors and cultures in society.

In high school, I did an independent study with an Abenaki teacher about the perception of color within a group. My teacher said the names of four popular colors, yellow, red, white and black, and after each color asked us to write down words we associated with them. For yellow, words like lace, age, sun, and rice came up for red, love, passion, blood. White yielded pure, dove, barren and marriage, and finally black got night, evil, mysterious and confusion.

After we had shared our findings, my teacher told us to use these colors synonymously with specific races. Yellow corresponded to Asians, red to indigenous peoples, white to Caucasians and black to African-Americans. Then he asked us how often in our daily lives we associated the definitions of what we thought these words of color meant with people, and how often we saw these colors in popular literature and television being linked with these definitions. Our answer was, "all the time."

This attribution of simple ideas to grander themes is akin to what Shakespeare discusses through the character Lysander in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: "Or if there were a sympathy in choice/War, death, or sickness did lay siege to it/Making it momentary as a sound/Swift as a shadow, short as any dream/Brief as the lighting in the collied night/That in a spleen unfolds both heaven and earth/And ere a man hath power to say 'Behold!'/The jaws of darkness do devour it up./So quick bright things come to confusion."

When a person makes a statement, American society focuses on this statement as a separate entity, by doing this; Americans nourish their feelings of excitement over their logic. When Kanye West said, "George Bush doesn't care about Black people," America reacted in the spirit of debate. By focusing on what West said, the importance of Hurricane Katrina and her absolute destruction was lost. Whether the origins of someone's declarations are positive or negative, choosing to leave the logical circle for the emotional one is an action of giving life to your convictions.

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Dumbledore says "It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." I feel that in the case of Bennett and West they made a specific choice but were unaware that the ramifications of their words would be versatile. The power of language is subtle and in campaigning society words are weapons. Be careful what you choose to adhere to, try to desire what matters to you so your integrity can be seen by others. You're not always going to be exactly what you say, especially if you're always saying something. It seems to me that that the more details you give, the more the truth gets lost. A perceived persona can be an accurate shadow of who you are, or it can be a political tool used for attention.

So, in the spirit of Bennett and West, and even though Irish people may or may not be eating their babies, I want to say something: the American politics are anti-Black.

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Southern humor deemed Fox-worthy

Paul DeMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

If you have been living under a rock or been a hermit in your dorm room your entire time here at Muhlenberg, I'm going to let you in on a not so hidden secret: this is a very liberal campus. Sometimes it's difficult to decipher whether you're at a college or the Democratic National Convention.

This is, of course, a natural effect of having large portions of the student body from the northeast, better known as blue-state territory. I also fall into this category. I am an upper middle-class Italian kid who was born in New York and has lived in the suburbs of New Jersey for most of my life.

Now you may be looking at that last sentence and thinking, what the hell does that have to do with the title of the article? The reason it's relevant is because it is that my admiration of Jeff Foxworthy and blue collar comedy seems strange considering my background. I am the antithesis of a "good ol' southern boy."

However, over the past few years I have come to thoroughly adore the

"redneck" humor of Foxworthy and comedians of his ilk. I like it the most because I find it a welcome refreshment from the daily barrage of the liberal ideologies I encounter here on campus: "Stop the war," "Bush is an idiot." This is not to say that I am a Republican; however if one is exposed to an unwavering blitzkrieg of the beliefs I just mentioned, it becomes quite an annoyance.

Hearing the embodiment of everything the comics dislike is fertile ground for hilarious humor. Take Ron White, for example. The tall, graying, somewhat rotund Texas-bred comedian who does his act while grasping his trademark glass of scotch. He openly talks about his love for all things amazing such as hunting, strip-clubs and being drunk in public.

The liberal take on the death penalty is that it should be abolished due to its cruel nature. Now marvel at White's take on the death penalty: "I'm from Texas and in Texas we have the death penalty and we...USE IT!"

The hippy political correctness,

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theory to try to have it taught in schools again. The standard textbook for their theory, entitled "Of Pandas and People: the Central Question of Biological Origins," is the old Creationist textbook with the word "intelligent design" replacing the word "Creationism." Hopefully, if this Harrisburg case ever ends up in the Supreme Court, our new Chief Justice and the rest of the court will see this and affirm the 1987 verdict.

America is a free country.

People should be given choices about what they learn and what they believe in. However, people should only be taught factual and research-based theories in science classes. Religious-based theories need to be taught in a separate classroom under a different class title; "intelligent design" is not science no matter how you word it. Let's keep Darwin in the science area and the Bible in the religion area where they belong.

I don't hear about Darwin's theories at a Sunday mass, why should I hear the Bible's theories in my science class?

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which has spread through this campus at a rate that would make bacteria blush, makes one think that they should not say anything even mildly controversial or critical for fear that it might "offend" someone. Now compare this with what Ron thinks De Beers ought to change its slogan to: "Diamonds: That'll shut her up...for a minute".

That brings us to Mr. Foxworthy. He is the highest selling comedian of all time and has coined the famous "you might be a redneck" punchline, which is one of the most famous and recognizable lines in comedic history.

I always find it very entertaining when someone when someone pokes fun at themselves and the stereotypes that pertain to them. Foxworthy has not only embraced this, he has beaten the horse within an inch of its life. I could fill an entire article with these jokes, however, doing that wouldn't be prudent, so I'll pick a few gems.

Take for example his joke relating to NASCAR, possibly the most dull and irrelevant sport to northern liberals. "If you believe the last words to the National Anthem are 'Gentlemen start your engines,'

you might be a redneck". He takes keeping it in the family to a whole new level with the joke that if you've been married three times and still have the same in-laws, you might be a redneck.

Sticking with the whole misogynistic theme I touched on earlier with the De Beers joke, I'll end with my personal favorite which talks about how if you're at a bar and the DJ yells 'It's time to throw a howdown' and you throw your girlfriend on the floor...(you know how the joke ends).

While I've spent a good deal of this article bashing the liberal student body here on campus, I want to make it clear that it's not necessarily that I dislike you, it's merely that too much of one thing sometimes IS a bad thing.

So you can trust me that regardless of whether I have a 40 page paper to write, need to study for a massive exam or happen to be in a room where a TV is on and I happen to be having a conversation with someone, if one of their comedy specials or one of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour movies comes on, I'll be sitting two inches from the TV watching and laughing at every single joke regardless of how many times I've seen it before.

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dent housing, it was an offer that I just couldn't turn down. They did not charge tuition so long as the displaced students continued to pay tuition to Tulane. Since the five displaced students were able to be added to courses that were already running, the College did not incur additional costs.

The efforts of the Muhlenberg faculty were outstanding; they went above and beyond their normal duties to help us become acclimated.

Professor Keane actually helped me figure out my schedule and Professor Fadem took me to the bookstore to help me find required books. Professor

Dunham, the calculus teacher, spent time reviewing the course content. Housing was provided free of charge, which again was very generous of the College. I was put in with another freshman who had a double to himself and expected at some point to receive another student. My roommate was extremely generous and made me feel welcome right away. I was charged for a meal plan, which is perfectly reasonable.

Dean Jane Hudak personally expedited my registration, gave me a tour of the campus, and helped me cut through any red tape. Upon arrival to the campus with my significantly reduced supplies (almost all of my possessions were left and are

still in New Orleans, La., or maybe they are floating somewhere in Lake Ponchartrain) the administration made extra efforts to make its new students feel at home and it was comforting. For this they deserve praise.

What was done for us is the same concept of what is being done or should be done throughout the country. In trying situations such as this, when everyone who has the power to work overtime and make a positive difference lends their services, the lives of every victim can return to a state of normalcy. On account of that, no matter what size the contribution is, we may all be able to put the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina behind us.

All of the students at Muhlenberg should be proud of the wonderful faculty and staff who work here. I have been told by many people that Muhlenberg is really that kind of place that goes above and beyond in supporting their students. It seems to me that this is what makes this college so special and what makes the admission so selective.

I think that the greatest gift that Muhlenberg College has given me, and to all of the students it has accepted, is to show us what it means to be generous, kind, caring. This is a lesson that I know I have learned for life, and I am humbled and honored to have been the recipient of this wonderful gift.

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Renowned professor and author speaks at the College

By William Trevethick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Joshua Gamson, author of "Celebrity" and Professor of Sociology at the University of San Francisco, gave his presentation "Freaks Talk Back: Television and Sexual Nonconformity," on Thurs., Sept. 29th. His presentation was part of the Center for Ethics Fall 2005 program.

Dr. Beth Schachter, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Interim Program Director for the Center for Ethics, stated that one of the main goals of the Center for Ethics is the need to make people "aware of their consequences on others and the need to view the world through a complex set of lenses."

Gamson stepped into that role of using different lenses to show how the identity of gay people has been perceived by popular culture. Gamson explained that the perception of gay men has changed in the past few decades from "self-hating, psychiatric patients" to people who are emulated by

straight men. He illustrated his argument by showing clips from popular television shows such as *Queer Eye for The Straight Guy* and *Boy Meets Boy*. The straight men on these shows are shown hugging and thanking their gay counterparts for all the help they have given them. Gamson referred to this change in perception as "a strange reversal of fortune" and "one more step in a march into the American mainstream."

Gamson argued that although gay people seem to be gaining acceptance through popular culture, in reality it is a superficial acceptance. Gamson said that gay men are being seen as "normal, but with a twist." The twist is that most gay men are portrayed on television as part of the white upper middle class, with little to no mention of the negative aspects of life such as AIDS.

This kind of portrayal is not what is considered to be "normal," but instead Gamson says that gay men and women are "enacting a '50s style type of script and the participants are expect-

ed to conform to the middle class membership norms, without receiving the same type of political rights."

After watching Gamson's presentation, Agatha Menderchuck '06 said, "It is important for students to realize that popular culture can be understood on multiple levels and that the implications of entertainment are informed by larger cultural values."

Shmuel Smith '07 said "Popular culture is a guide for social change, but not a substitute, although it often is."

Gamson's presentation sent a message that the identity that popular culture presents of a gay person is a far cry from that of what a gay person truly is. What is seen on television today may make it seem that gay people are gaining acceptance in society, but the gap between what happens on reality television shows and what happens in everyday life has not yet been bridged. According to Gamson, "Gay men are being accepted, but it is a mistake to see this opening up on television in relation to the real world."

Downloading music could violate ABC

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Provost Marjorie Hass and other campus officials are considering making illegal music downloading an infraction of the Academic Behavior Code.

Campus officials are considering punishments for the violation. One such punishment is the removal of the student from the network. This means students would be unable to use programs Capstone, Blackboard and the College e-mail.

Many people in North America have been accused of downloading music illegally. There have been notices issued to the College alerting them of illegal music downloading. However, Harry Miller, the Director of Information Technology, said that "the College does not track network activity in such a way as to count the number of individuals performing peer-to-peer file exchanges. Nor is there an effective way for the College to determine

which of those exchanges may infringe copyright."

Since the topic of illegal music downloading has become a national issue, the College has begun to investigate this pressing topic as well. The College itself can get in trouble with the law when illegal music downloading occurs. The students are connected to the Internet through Muhlenberg College, so it is held responsible for illegal downloads. In fact, "the College has received six Copyright Infringement Notices already this semester," said Miller. The College itself is unable to track frequency of usage of programs such as KaZaa and Gnutella and only knows about the rate illegal downloading when Copyright Infringement Notices are received.

As for students' reactions to the possible new policies concerning this matter, none of them were positive.

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Students present summer research

By Kyle Casey
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Sept. 28th, 37 students from the Biology, Chemistry, Math and Physics departments, presented their experiences from their full-time summer research.

Thirty-three posters were on display, making this the largest group of student researchers the College has ever had.

Over the summer, students and faculty worked side-by-side to develop independent research projects and perform experiments. The presentation was a chance for other students to see the research that had been done over the summer. Over 50 students at the College shared their research.

Not only were these projects shown to other students at the College, but some of the research was also presented at national meetings and will ultimately lead to professional publication.

"This was really the culmination of some outstanding summer research experiences that our students had here on campus," said

Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor and Head of the Biology Department. "It was an excellent opportunity for students and faculty to interact and talk science. It is part of an overall 'culture of science' that we are working so hard to cultivate and students love it!"

In the past, students at the College have had their work published in scholarly

in this research program receive a stipend, (often \$3000 for ten weeks), housing and credit for participating in the summer research program, which is supported through faculty research grants, the College and foundation support. This research program provides more than just monetary compensation though. Students have the once in a lifetime opportunity to take

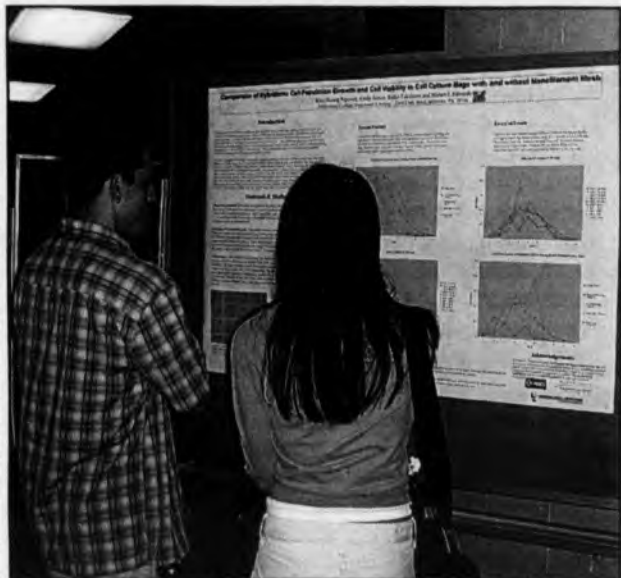
part in an enriching summer program in the field of their choice.

"By spending my summer researching, I learned more about the research process and how to conduct a good and efficient scientific experiment," said Beth Irwin '07, who spent her entire summer researching volatile emissions released by the spicebush plant, *Lindera*

benzoin. "My entire summer was a learning experience," said Irwin. "I had to get to know the specimens I was working with, learn about the equipment I was using, and overcome unforeseen challenges with my work."

journals and have even gone on to win competitive national graduate fellowships and acceptance at the nation's top graduate and medical schools, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Princeton and Penn.

Students who participate



Students share their research experiences through poster presentations.

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Club poster, three System of a Down CDs and a \$50 gift certificate from an anonymous source.

"After leaving Tulane I began looking frantically for a new college," Ilardi said. "A family friend then suggested Muhlenberg."

"Everyone here has been really nice," Ilardi said, "They have done everything they can to make it feel like my college."

Priest presented Leilani R. Silverstein, a senior at Loyola University, textbooks from the College bookstore and a \$100 gift certificate from the Phillipsburg Mall.

Provost Marjorie Hass then presented Kevin A. Flores, a freshman at the University of New Orleans who was originally from the New Orleans area, with a Microsoft Xbox gift package, including an Xbox gaming system and three Xbox games.

Flores is living at a hotel in Allentown with his family. Being from the New Orleans area, the hurricane

affected not just Flores but also his family.

"It was really hard to leave everything behind, but everyone here has been really helpful," he said.

Helm then gave Jason Greenwald, a sophomore at Tulane, originally from East Rockaway, NY, a Martin Backpacker Guitar.

"The guitar is the bomb," said Greenwald. "Muhlenberg has made the transition easy for us and has made us feel at home."

Scully, who has worked primarily with Flores and Carlson, who were friends at Tulane, explained that he has been impressed by their attitudes. "It has been very easy to work with [Flores and Carlson]. They had a lot going on and they were very mature and appreciative of everything," he said.

Helm summed up the College's effort in helping the transfer students, saying, "We can't do this all the time, but this [hurricane] was one of the biggest natural disasters in U.S. history. We're just doing our bit by helping these students."




The College will continue its efforts in raising money for victims of Katrina.

Correction

In the article "'Berg welcomes new GQ manager" from Sept. 22nd, we wrote that PK's name was William Dimmich. His name is actually Parikshit Kukresa.

In the article, "Students help search for the perfect dress," the program co-ordinators should include Erica Jacobus '06 and Lisa Kowalski '06, along with Dee Ross '06 and Sabrina Krum '06.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Showers	Showers
High: 63 Low: 49	High: 60 Low: 44	High: 68 Low: 37

OFF CAMPUS

Gas prices ten cents below national average

Lehigh Valley, Pa. - According to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in the Lehigh Valley has dropped almost ten cents below the national average.

On Monday, AAA reported that in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton market, the average price is \$2.842, compared to the national price of \$2.938. Just one month ago, the price locally was \$2.996 while the price nationally was \$3.005. The price was about a dollar cheaper both nationally and locally about one year ago.

The highest recorded price of regular unleaded gas was recorded at \$3.057 on Sept. 5th, 2005. However, the prices are expected to stay the same for awhile.

Police break up crowd on Chew before shots

Lehigh Valley, Pa. - Violence erupted behind Central Elementary School in Allentown early Sunday, leaving a New Jersey man wounded. Police responded to a disturbance where 30 to 50 people were making noise and hanging out in the 800 block of Chew Street. After the crowd was broken up, the crowd reassembled at the corner of Chew and Lumber Streets.

At one point two gunman opened fire. One gunman wounded the man from New Jersey. The other gunman, a friend of the man from New Jersey, tried to shoot the first shooter.

At least 12 bullets were fired, scarring sidewalks, the foundation of a row house and the fence at Central Elementary School. No arrests have been made at this time.

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Most students seemed shocked and dismayed that downloading music illegally could become an infringement of the Academic Behavior Code.

Erin Shapiro '09 said, "I don't think it's the school's place to tell us what we can and can't do on the Internet. We should do what University of Connecticut and Penn State are doing with a free music network for students."

Donna Ward '09 feels similarly to Shapiro. "I think the whole thing is a bit ridiculous. The school has a right to tell us not to do things that could be detrimental to society. However, I pay so much to go here, so it is my right to decipher how I should use the Internet."

So it is yet unclear whether or not downloading music illegally will become illegal per the Academic Behavior Code. This issue is a problem on campus though, and the college is being punished for it with the Copyright Infringement Notices. Students clearly have an issue with this potential policy and it is yet to be seen whether or not an illegal music downloading provision will be added to the Academic Behavior Code.

By John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Many people do not associate the fall season with blooming flowers. Trees lose their leaves, the grass begins to turn slightly brown and many flowers shy away in the cold. For Dr. Marten Edwards, Asst. Professor of Biology at the College, the fall is the perfect time for gardening. Then again, Dr. Edwards' flowers aren't what you'd call "garden variety."

Amaryllis belladonna, or Naked Ladies, are a very distinctive breed of flower. Not only do they not blossom until late summer or early fall, but when they do, there are no leaves on the stem. The pink color of the petals and the lack of leaves on the stalk are the two factors that give the flower the name of "Naked Lady." The beauty of these flowers, and the name which they have been given, are quite deceptive. Every part of the flower, from bulb to petal, is extremely toxic.

"They create a drug called colchicine," explained Edwards. Colchicine is an inhibitor which targets the cytoskeleton of cells. Without the cytoskeleton, the cell wall breaks down. Also, it

inhibits the nucleus from copying its DNA. This latter effect, coupled with the erosion of the cell wall, makes it impossible for a cell to undergo mitosis, its ability to reproduce.

When thinking of these effects on a cellular level, it does not readily appear to be a massive problem, but the toxins' effects on the human body resembles the effects of arsenic. Side effects include burning in the mouth and throat, diarrhea, stomach pain, vomiting, liver and kidney failure and loss of hair. Several of

these symptoms resemble the effects of chemotherapy, which is understandable because one of the main goals of chemotherapy is to disable the ability for cancerous cells to reproduce. Although the effects are similar, Naked Ladies cannot be used as a natural treatment for cancer because they are entirely too toxic.

Although this fatal flower appears to be more harmful than good, it does serve its purpose. If taken in small doses, colchicine can help treat gout. Small doses,

much less than would be used to stop cell division, can break down the crystallization of uric acid that intertwines in the joints of gout-affected areas. Oddly enough, this treatment for gout has been around since the Middle Ages.

"They probably would have used trial and error," said Edwards on how early physicians would have learned about the plant medicinal affects. "They would eat a very, very, very small amount. Back then you didn't eat a lot of unknown plants."



The flower, *Amaryllis belladonna* shown here, is a unique flower that blooms in the fall season.

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'Berg alum enlightens College on Biodiesel

By Alexander Hotz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As oil prices continue to climb and motorists feel the bite in their wallets, the public call for cheaper energy sources has grown louder.

One of the most popular suggestions has been Biodiesel, an alternative to petroleum based diesel. Biodiesel, which runs exclusively in diesel converted cars, is made from renewable resources such as animal fats or vegetable oils. Biodiesel is also considerably better for the environment than the fossil fuels that are used today. Sulfur, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide are just some of the emissions that are significantly lowered when using Biodiesel.

It was these facts that prompted local environmentalist David Rosenstrauss to begin his business, Fossil Free Fuels, in the Lehigh Valley. Rosenstrauss, who graduated from the College in 2003, returned to his alma mater on Wednesday to give a speech hosted by the Business and Economics Club.

Matt Roessler '08, the president of the Business and Economics Club, said, "considering how oil prices are skyrocketing, it made

sense to have a speaker who is advocating what may soon be the future for fuel in the United States."

Biodiesel is clearly the favorite alternative energy idea in Washington D.C. A new energy bill, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which was recently signed into law by President Bush, allows the Biodiesel producers to encourage more widespread use of the fuel. This bill will allow America to make cleaner and more productive use of our domestic energy resources by offering tax incentives. Clearly, if Bush is willing to lend some support towards Biodiesel, the fuel source has a future in America.

Rosenstrauss wants to convince others to use Biodiesel. On Sept. 28th, he presented the audience with different types of oils that could be used to power a Biodiesel vehicle.

Rosenstrauss collects these substances from various restaurants in the Lehigh Valley that would otherwise discard used oil. Usually a restaurant must pay a company to dispose of the oil. Rosenstrauss offers to take it away for free.

An interesting side effect of collecting oil from restaurants is that the exhaust fumes from a converted car often smell like

the food that was cooked in the oil.

At the end of the presentation, Rosenstrauss took the audience outside to see one of the vehicles that he had converted. The van looked normal except that in the trunk there was a huge black plastic drum which holds the fuel. Fossil Free Fuels can convert a diesel car for around \$1300; to date, Rosenstrauss' company

has done around 16 conversions.

Although he majored in music and economics at the College, Rosenstrauss has managed to pursue a career that doesn't necessarily require the skills he learned at the College. Donna Kish-Goodling, Associate Professor of Economics, who initially recommended having Rosenstrauss as a speaker to the Business and

Economics Club, said "even though David had no experience in engineering, his occupation today shows what a liberal arts education can do."

Rosenstrauss believes that the current price jump at the gas station "is an indicator about what's to come," and that logically, "in the long run there will be a drastic change in our energy use."



David Rosenstrauss '03 returns to campus to discuss alternative sources of fuel.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 25 - Injured Student - A student whose leg was already injured fell and hurt his/her leg again. Campus Safety responded and the student was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 27 - Sick Student - In Seegers Union a student reported feeling dizzy due to low blood sugar. The student was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 27 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle parked illegally by Robertson/South Halls was towed after the vehicle registered appeared to have a number of outstanding violations.

Sept. 28 - Personnel Complaint - At the Life Sports Center, personnel filed a complaint that there were students around the

building without proper identification and who refused to leave when asked.

Sept. 28 - Injured Student - At the Center for the Arts, a student injured his/her left wrist and was transported to the Health Center.

Sept. 29 - Noise Complaint - At N. 22nd Street. Campus Safety cited resident Ryan Long '06 for misconduct.

Sept. 29 - Injured Student - At the Life Sports Center, a student felt dizzy while on the treadmill and fell off, injuring himself. The victim was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 30 - Injured Student - At the Life Sports Center, two students collided while playing a contact sport. One suffered a laceration to the

right eyebrow and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 1 - Underage Possession and Consumption - At the Delta Zeta house, an intoxicated student was found in the house vomiting and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital. The student will be sent a citation.

Oct. 1 - Institutional Vandalism - On Parkway Boulevard, a sign and pole with a chain was knocked down by a car. The car then drove away.

Oct. 1 - Suspicious Person - At Martin Luther Hall, a student reported seeing a 45 year old man leaving her room as she was coming back from the bathroom. He quickly exited down the steps, possibly with another

person (female). The white male was wearing a gray sweatshirt that might have said "Muhlenberg" and jeans. He had gray hair. Campus Safety checked the building and surrounding areas but could not find anyone fitting that description.

Oct. 1 - Sick Student - A diabetic student, living in Prosser Hall, had a medical incident and Campus Safety was called to page EMS. The student turned out to be fine.

Oct. 1 - Fire/Safety Violation - In Prosser Hall, a Resident Advisor smelled smoke in a room on the second floor and found a tee-shirt covering the smoke detector. The residents of the room have been sent to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 2 - Underage Possession and Consumption - A female student, found throwing up in the men's bathroom at Walz Hall on the third floor, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and sent a citation.

Oct. 2 - Suspicious Vehicle - On N. 24th Street, while a man was walking his dogs, a white Ford Explorer approached him and threatened him several times. The license plate of the vehicle was not found in the Allentown system, which means that the vehicle is from out of town.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At the Trexler Library, the fire alarm was set off due to new detectors that were installed incorrectly. The detectors are being fixed.

Life!

"If life gives you lemonade, squeeze the juice into a watergun and shoot other people in the eyes."

- Anonymous

SNL's Colin Quinn drowns in student disapproval and disappointment

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Imagine driving down the street, only to get pulled over by a cop. The officer approaches your car and you quickly realize that it is none other than Colin Quinn. It turns out that Quinn had taken the test to become a police officer; he aced it, in fact, and was very close to becoming an officer. For better or worse the police job fell through and Quinn turned to comedy instead.

Quinn started out in the late 80s as a host on MTV. Three years later, he found himself in what he described as "the right place at the right time," and was asked to become a writer for *Saturday Night Live* (SNL). Quinn says that this gave him credibility as both a writer and comedian. He is probably best known for his job as the anchor on *Weekend Update*, one of SNL's most popular sketches. Quinn, however, did not always enjoy being an anchor.

"Update was all one-liners. That just wasn't for me," he said.

What was for him was his very own show on Comedy Central. *Tough Crowd* was a half hour of improv with his friends. According to Quinn, there was something cathartic about being able to tell someone to shut up and move on to the next topic. Although *Tough*

Crowd didn't last very long, Quinn was alright with this. It gave him time to concentrate on his standup, which he prefers to television and movies.

"TV and movies are boring," he said. When asked which form of entertainment he favored, he said "I love the justice of a live crowd. There's no bull. If no one laughs at a joke, then you know it's not funny. Comedians love abuse as much as compliments." Quinn said that he actually enjoys performing at colleges. He likes the fact that not only are the students sober, but also that they enjoy politically incorrect jokes. When asked which comedians he enjoyed in his own college years, Quinn said he liked George Carlin and Richard Pryor. As for today's young comedians, he sees the most potential in Dane Cook, Sarah Silverman and Pete Correale. Nick Dipaolo, he says, has "natural talent," which is hard to find in comedians anymore.

Despite his love and respect for the art of stand-up, Quinn actually prefers writing. "If I had to choose between writing and acting, I'd give up acting in a second."

Apparently this did not matter to the large crowd that gathered in Memorial Hall on Fri., Sept. 29th, to watch Quinn perform. A donation of \$2 was collected at the door of the gym, half of which was sent to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.



Colin Quinn attempts to raise audience laughs and cheers only to produce student disappointment.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

The bleachers of students buzzed with excitement as they anxiously awaited the famous comedian. Surprisingly, the opening act, Kevin Robinson, was fantastic and had the crowd doubled over in laughter for the entirely too short thirty minute set. Whether he was playfully bashing on students in the audience or saying out loud what students were secretly thinking but too afraid to say, there was not one minute that was not consumed with cheers and applause.

Some students wondered if Quinn would be able to deliver after following this popular and success-

ful act. Unfortunately for the audience, he didn't. The student body was subjected to a full hour slurred sentences and bad jokes, most of which Quinn did not even finish.

At one point Quinn referred to himself as our "old drunk uncle." His jokes had the potential to be funny, it was just hard to understand what was being said in between his spastic movements and unintelligible mumbling, which at times did not even sound like English. If Quinn had looked out of the corner of his eye, he would

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT ROYAL DUTY SHOULD BE REQUIRED OF THE HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN?



"They should be able to do a backflip off of Victor's Lament while building a replica of Haas out of toothpicks and marshmallows."

- Adam Koppser '08



"They should have to be able to spend 35 hours a week with Aaron Bova."

- Kate Flynn '07



"They should parade around naked."

- Goran Ivanoski '06



"They should have to sing the alma mater at a football game on a mule."

- Nicky O'Neal '09



"They should be able to dance like a mule."

- Doug Kupferman '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

RHA's Oktoberfest creates fun and frenzy for a sober crowd

By Aaron Solomon
ASST. FOCUS EDITOR

The sound of music could be heard throughout the College campus as a band played at Residence Hall Association's Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday evening. The celebration, which was sponsored by the RHA, took place between 4:30 and 7 p.m. and was filled with fun, food and friends. There was food outside, several games, live music and prizes.

The festival included a Sodexo sponsored barbeque, which featured hot dogs, hamburgers, scrumptious desserts and baked ziti, which, according to Scott Kramer '09, "was really delicious." The band hired for the event, Lloyd Dobler Effect, a six man group hailing from Washington, D.C., played a refreshing mix of rock and Latin music.

The event featured several games and activities including a rock wall, joust, basketball shootout, speed pitch and ironman obstacle court. One favorite activity, the rockwall, sported several climbing options of differing levels of difficulty. Adam Wynn '06, exhausted after his run on the "hard" wall, said "it's nice at the top, especially after a difficult climb." Students could challenge each other in the moonwalk jousting where students could hit their friends off pedestals with padded sticks.

Also featured was a basketball shootout competition, where contestants competed head-to-head to see who could sink more baskets. Students also cause to try and guess the speed of their own pitch at the carnival pitching cage.

However, the most popular attraction was the moonwalk obstacle course which featured two identical obstacle tracks, in which competing individuals climb over obstacles, squeeze through crevices, run through a tunnel, climb up a final rope wall and slide down a slide to the finish line.

Winners of the games were awarded tickets, which they could use to enter into any of the RHA raffles,



Students shoot basketballs at Oktoberfest.

PHOTO BY SARA HOROWITZ

including a fifty-dollar gift certificate to Best Buy, several five-dollar gift certificates to Java Joe's, several Blockbuster gift cards and one free tee shirt. Tickets could also be purchased at the RHA raffle table for 50 cents each, or \$2 for five. A portion of the proceeds went to the American Red Cross and where it will be directed to Hurricane Katrina relief.

While most students were pleased with the RHA event, a couple of students were disappointed about the lack of things that are traditionally associated with Oktoberfest. At the authentic Oktoberfest in Germany, events such as all-day alcohol consumption, drinking tents, sausages with sauerkraut, knuckle of pork and roast chicken are all local and traditional favorites.

If not a complete success in mimicking the European Oktoberfest, at least it was a success in helping the Red Cross earn some much needed money and provided an afternoon of fun.

WMUH 91.7FM: *broadcasting to thousands, at home and abroad*

By Cara Scharf
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Most members of the College community are aware that there is a college radio station. Some people even know what its initials are or on what frequency it plays. But most do

not know about the extensive history of the station, the work that goes into running it or even what kinds of music they play.

WMUH was founded at the College in 1948 by ten students. It was begun as and still remains a club on campus, meaning that it is run by a student board of directors and funded through Student Council. When the station first started, it was an AM station, but in 1964 it switched to 91.7 FM. It is now also accessible through channel 5 on any TV that is hooked up to the College's cable network and

you can hear their web broadcast at www.muhlenberg.edu/WMUH.

The station has been extremely successful, winning an award for the Best Station in the Lehigh Valley from the *Lehigh Valley Music Awards* in 2000 and 2002, and also being named one of the top 20 Best College Radio Stations by the *Princeton Review* in 2000.

According to Joe Swanson, General Manager of WMUH, the radio station has about 175,000 listeners per week, and 10,000 people listening at any given time. It also reaches a million and a half homes throughout the Lehigh Valley, even as far as Easton and Reading, Pa. Since the station is also broadcast on the Internet, Swanson says that people as far away as Egypt have emailed the station asking about songs and bands.

A large portion of the College



Rachel Bennov '07 works in the FM studio of WMUH.

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AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Two for the Money

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Wallace & Gromit: the Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Flight Plan

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Greatest Game Ever Played

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Into the Blue

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

In Her Shoes

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:20, 7:20

Serenity

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride

Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Taking the plunge for HIV knowledge

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

This summer I came to a point in my life where I realized that I needed to be more responsible about my sexual health. After a lot of thought, I decided to get my first HIV test.

Accidents happen. Condoms can break or maybe you didn't use protection. Either way, anyone who is sexually active should be tested for HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is a disease that can infect any person, regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnicity or economic status.

The first thing to do is call your doctor. I called mine and asked to have a complete physical and HIV test. You must ASK for the test to be administered because it is illegal for a health professional to test you for HIV without your consent. You may have to fill out some paperwork to

confirm that you know that you are being tested for HIV. This paperwork will also inform you that, depending on what state you live in, the results of your test may be given to outside health organizations. Most states require health professionals to report positive HIV results to the state health department. Some states allow anonymous reporting, while others do not. Ask your health provider about the guidelines for HIV reporting in your state. This reporting does not mean that you will be locked away in a basement for the rest of your life if your test positive. States use this information to track the number of new cases on HIV for statistical reasons. This information is also reported to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

If you do decide to get tested, it is a good idea to see if the place where

you go offers counseling before the test is administered and after the results are found. A counselor can help answer any questions you may have about the test, and can help you when you get your results.

An HIV test does not actually test for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. When HIV enters the body, it starts attacking your white blood cells, called T4 lymphocyte cells (helper cells). Your immune system will then produce antibodies to try and fight off the infection. Although these antibodies will not be able to kill the virus, their presence in your bloodstream is usually a sign of HIV infection.

The waiting period between having the test done and getting your results can often be an agonizing experience. The thought of such agony and fear of the unknown can prevent people from getting tested.

Getting tested by a health care professional can help you answer any questions you have, as well as get in contact with a counselor. It is also important to share with your loved ones that you are getting the test. It is harder to go-it-alone regardless of the results. It takes about two-three days for the results of your test. This number can depend on where you go for your test or the day (most health professionals' offices are not open on the weekends).

Although the process can be scary, knowing your status can be a very relieving experience. On MTV, there used to be commercials about HIV testing that featured the slogan "knowing is beautiful." I used to think these commercials were sappy, but the truth is, if you are genuinely concerned about your status, getting tested is the best thing you can do for everyone: yourself, your partner or anyone else with which you might have sexual contact.

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"Innerscapes" unsettles and inspires

By Megan Glick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If there is one idea to take away from Jos. A. Smith's work, it is that nothing is as appears. "Innerscapes" is the exhibition currently on display in the Martin Art Gallery in the Center for the Arts. The work is surprising and deserving of careful study. It combines everyday items and themes and even characters from childhood--but with darker undertones. It makes one think of what a children's book illustrated by Salvador Dali would be like.

The characters in Smith's pieces are comforting, yet the landscapes can be unsettling. Masks cover faces, bodies are distorted, oceans melts into blankets. It is up to the viewer to put these strange mixes together, to break them apart and reveal what's going on. They truly are inner-scapes, glimpses into the artist's mind and soul.

The pieces are intricate, if not

just in the technicality, then through the emotions they provide. "Photo Op," one such technically intricate drawing, is one of Smith's more recent works. The artwork shows, on the most basic level, a marionette of George W. Bush in front of a sheet backdrop, displaying the words "Mission Accomplished," with Karl Rove as the puppeteer. The Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit, from *Alice in Wonderland*, appear in the background, amidst a topsy-turvy landscape of mythical creatures, caricatures and other socio-political innuendos.

The largest and initially most shocking work, is an oil on panel called "Windblown Rider on a Lake of Stars." The piece has dark hues with a rider appearing as a whirl of color, possibly indicating fire or spirit. Towards the bottom there is a hit of a shining lake, appearing like a calm oasis far from the windy, rough landscape on which the horse and blurry rider stand.

Smith's titles are indicative of something churning underneath the seeming calm surface of his pieces. The exhibition consists of a few small series: a couple of triptychs and a few solo pieces. He uses different media: India ink, graphite, water color, acrylic and oil paint. Smith is speaking his mind clearly through these pieces; it's up to the viewer to examine them closely and give them a second or even a third look, to decipher them.

Nothing is as it appears; this applies to the more socially-critical pieces as well as the more philosophical works. "Paradigm Shift" is one such drawing, and the title is apt, as the characters are breaking through to a new world, one with color and substance.

"Life is changing," Smith seems to say. "Pay attention." His work will be exhibited now until Oct. 29th.



Casey Gastpartich '07 looks at Jos. A. Smith's art.

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Aries

You're broke. Yeah, I saw your last account balance and I gotta tell you--that's nothing. Sure, they won't close your account as long as you still have twelve cents left, but come on, that's not even enough to buy a candy bar in the 1920s. I'd say get a job, but you're not really the type of person that can handle soul-crushing menial labor very well. So, why not just sell your plasma? That always works in the movies!

Taurus

Stop with the mindless philosophizing, you silly Taurus. Freud was wrong about a lot of things and just because your roommate told you he was spending the weekend with his family does not mean that he has an Oedipal complex. Your friend's relationships are not your psychological proving grounds, so try not to apply every little tidbit of knowledge to the lives of your loved ones. You don't know that much.

Gemini

What a weekend that was, Gemini! You partied all day and spent the night with a continuously rotating circle of attractive members of the opposite sex. You've got it all together, don't you? With the exception of that glorious twenty-page paper due before fall break, you know, the one with the annotated bibliography and a minimum of sixty sources? Oh that's right, you spilled beer on your syllabus last night.

Cancer

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.' *The Shining* references never get old. But seriously, you've got way too much work to do this week. I'd go insane if I was forced to write a sixteen-page paper, do about 400 calculus problems and read *Jane Eyre* by tomorrow. College can really be a harsh mistress sometimes, can't it? My best advice for you: do your work, get it all in on time and don't get too stressed.

Leo

Zombies, they're coming! Shambling, mindless souls, cursed to walk the earth for all eternity, hungering for the flesh of the living. You've been thinking of good fortifications for the inevitable doomsday scenario, when the whole world is overcome by the walking dead. Now is the time to set your plans into action. Raid GQ, stock up on bottled water and start boarding up your windows.

Virgo

Pump up the stereo and crank out the Irish folk music; it's time to do a jubilant jig. As bad as life gets, sometimes the upswing just makes it all worth it. You're going out tonight with that cute girl from Chemistry, you just scored an awesome on-campus apartment for next semester and your fridge is overflowing with the finest in alcoholic beverages! So come on, jig for a bit.

Libra

Who would win in a fight: you or the Haas administrative building? Darn right Haas would win. It's several tons of rock and metal, whereas you are a skinny weakling in comparison. You know what this means, you've got to bulk up, hit the gym and build that muscle until Haas is no longer a threat to you or your fellow man. You'd better hurry though, it's conspiring with Victor's Lament and Seegers Union.

Scorpio

You're waltzing wearily through the bleak big blackness of life without her, sullen Scorpio. There's always the fleeting failing hopeless hope that she may change her fickle, fragile mind and invite you back, arms open for embrace. I'm sorry, dear friend of mine, the astral plane is full of insight, knowledge and secrets singed in seeing stones, but I've seen nothing in all my mental meanderings that suggests she's that into you.

Sagittarius

What's the craziest thing you've done all week, Sagittarius? Slept through one of your math classes? If you want to sleep through a class, at least come up with a ludicrous, totally unbelievable excuse why you missed it. If your alarm clock failed to sound this morning, tell your professor you were replaced by an extra-terrestrial pod-creature. Therefore, you sound a little more bad boy-ish and crazy cool.

Capricorn

We've got an infuriating infestation all over campus: stink bugs. They're the little buggers that look like small brown shields, the ones who swarm all over Seegers and fly into your face while you're trying to get to class. You Capricorn, must lead the charge against the flying, exo-skeletoned hordes. Be valiant, be brave and remember, always carry a heavy textbook. Students, we must act soon: unite!

Aquarius

In the winter of 1846, only one-hundred and fifty miles from their destination, the Donner party, en route to California from Illinois, met with a grisly fate. With their numbers rapidly dying due to starvation and cold, they had to resort to desperate means: eating one another. Think about that next time you complain that it's too cold outside and that the food in the Garden Room tastes bad.

Pisces

They're called 'code words' or phrases that trigger some repressed memory in heavily psychologically conditioned people. Your code word is poppycock. Sometimes it simply causes an old thought to resurface in the mind, giving a new perspective to previously perceived events. Other times, it can result in a complete change in personality training in martial arts.

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community is involved with the radio station. This includes about 30 student DJs and faculty members who have their own two to three hour shows once a week. If a student wants to become a DJ, it is not necessary to have any previous knowledge of DJing. In fact, "all they have to do is ask," said Swanson. Once a student expresses interest, they go through a training process and at the end they must make an audition tape. Then the station reviews the tape and decides whether or not to make the applicant a DJ.

Although many of the DJs are affiliated with the College, Station Manager Emily Skrzat '06 says that the station also has "a very good connection to the community," employing several DJs from the Lehigh Valley community. This allows for greater variety in the types of shows the station offers, such as a show in Spanish and a Middle Eastern-themed show.

Swanson says that they mostly play modern rock, but the station

also has shows in classical, polka, oldies, techno, Indian and Jewish music. "We have a show for every genre of music. You'll get something different every time you listen," says Skrzat. "That makes us unique among other college stations."

The actual WMUH studio is inside Walson Hall. It is a modern looking room overlooking the construction of the new science building, with bare walls and a large desk that contains a sound board and other technical equipment. Shelving units filled with CDs cover three of the four walls. The collection contains a wide range of music, from Linda Eder to Jamiroquai to the Bloodhound Gang to Kurt Weill to a group called The Scotland Yard Gospel Choir. The station also has another room that houses a large CD and record collection, which are vital to the station. Many of the people who have worked with the station have gone on to work with Clear Channel radio or other radio stations and in fields of business and marketing and promotions.

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have seen students slowly but surely getting up from their seats and filtering out of the gym.

Quinn's performance left many wondering where the funny anchor-man from SNL had gone. The disappointed crowd was just thankful that the admission fee was only a two-dollar donation to Hurricane

Katrina victims. Earlier that night, Quinn was asked the question, "What is the one thing you have always wanted in life, but have yet to do?" His answer--"To be normal at some point."

After Friday's performance, it seems that it is going to take quite awhile for this comedian to ever be considered normal by the College Community.

Recipes

For those of you more advanced in cooking, an easy snack to prepare is salsa and chips. Though this involves making the salsa yourself it's well worth it for the taste.

Homemade Salsa

- 2 tomatoes
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 orange pepper, chopped
- 1/2 red onion, chopped (can be added to taste)
- 1/2 cucumber, chopped up
- 1 lime
- 1 bag of cilantro, chopped up

Chop up all of the tomatoes, peppers, onion and cucumber. Depending on how much you like each of the ingredients you can add more or less of them. Mix well, then add in the cilantro. This is a strong taste so it helps to chew on a little beforehand so you can decide how much you want to add. Then cut the lime in half and squeeze the juice into the mixture. Mix well again and enjoy! For a stronger taste let the salsa sit overnight to soak in the juices.

Correction

The article "Hitting the road 'student style,'" published in the Sept. 29th issue was written by Adam Koppeser, not Sandy Crawford.

A key fixture in the Mules' defense

Mule Profile--Mike McCurley

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

As a three-year varsity letter winner and first-team All-Centennial Conference cornerback in 2004, Senior Mike McCurley is one of many returning veterans on a Mule squad that hopes to better an excellent 2004 season.

"Our main goal every year has been to win the Conference outright, but we've tied for the last three years. This year we have a good shot and that's what we're aiming for," said McCurley.

While it is still early in the season, McCurley is currently leading the team (1-3) in punt returns (11, 110 yds, 10.0 average, 26 long) and kick returns (5, 110 yds, 22.0 average, 36 long).

He also is ranked statistically in three Conference categories: third in punt return average, fifth in fumbles forced (1) and tenth in all-purpose yardage (73.3/game).

Before coming to the College, McCurley was a three-year varsity letter winner in football and a two-year letter winner in baseball at Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pa. before

transferring to Wyoming Seminary in Kingstown, Pa. after his junior year.

He earned offensive and defensive All-Conference honors in his last year at Emmaus, where he played both running back and safety.

Once at the College, McCurley saw playing time on offense and special teams as a freshman. He quickly worked his way into the starting lineup as a sophomore, starting every game at cornerback in 2003. "Defensively, sophomore year was probably my strongest year. I tied the team leader in interceptions, but I hope to better that this season," said McCurley.

In McCurley's third year at the College, the 2004 squad went 8-3 and finished in a five-way tie for the Centennial Conference Championship, which earned them an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"My freshman year was the first time the College ever went to NAAs and that was a big honor. We made it to the second round that year and the first round in 2003 and 2004. We hope to go to NAAs again this season," said McCurley.

As a part of the Mule defense that ranked first in total defense rushing and pass efficiency at several points throughout the 2004 season and that won the NCAA DIII Statistical Championship in total defense (195.5 yds/game), McCurley posted strong individual numbers.

He notched 48 tackles and nine breakups, earning him All-Conference first-team. He also received second-team honors as a kick returner, averaging 19.4 yards per kickoff return and 9.9 yards.

A Business major with a Marketing concentration, McCurley hopes to make the best of his last season. "Football-wise I'll miss hanging out with the guys and just playing the games. Saturdays, game days, are the best," said McCurley.

As far as a current prospectus of the team, McCurley said, "I think we can play with every team in our Conference; we just haven't been playing up to our potential yet this season. Things have been a little rocky but if we can turn them around and start pulling everything together, we can have a really good year."



Senior Mike McCurley carries the ball down the field to lead the Mules.

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A message to: UNDECLARED UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

*Know what major you want to pursue?
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Unsure?*

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Last Week's Wrap-Up

Men's XC Country

10/1 Dickinson
Invitational - 5th

Women's XC Country

10/1 Dickinson
Invitational - 11th

Field Hockey

9/27 MC 1
Haverford 2
10/1 MC 3
Johns Hopkins 4

Football

10/1 MC 9
F & M 15

Men's Soccer

9/28 MC 0
F & M 3
10/1 MC 1
McDaniel 0

Women's Soccer

9/27 MC 1
Swarthmore 0
10/1 MC 0
Haverford 2

Volleyball

9/28 MC 1
Haverford 3
10/1 MC 0
Johns Hopkins 3

Mules couldn't obtain allusive fourth goal

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules' field hockey team fell short to Johns Hopkins University last Saturday afternoon despite scoring three goals. This high scoring game ended with a 4-3 Johns Hopkins' win. Hopkins scored twice in the first half, taking the lead early.

However, junior forward Jillian Duffy cut this deficit in half when she scored a goal late in the second half. Hopkins then scored their third goal early in the first half.

Junior Jessica Hand scored the second goal for the Mules off of a pass from Sophomore Kelly Shetron halfway through the second half to make the score 3-2. Nearly four minutes later Hopkins added to their lead

once again scoring their fourth and final goal.

Duffy scored the Mules' third goal off of a penalty corner push from Sophomore Lauren Rutt with just four minutes to play. Junior goalie Lauren Schram made three saves this game.

FIELD HOCKEY

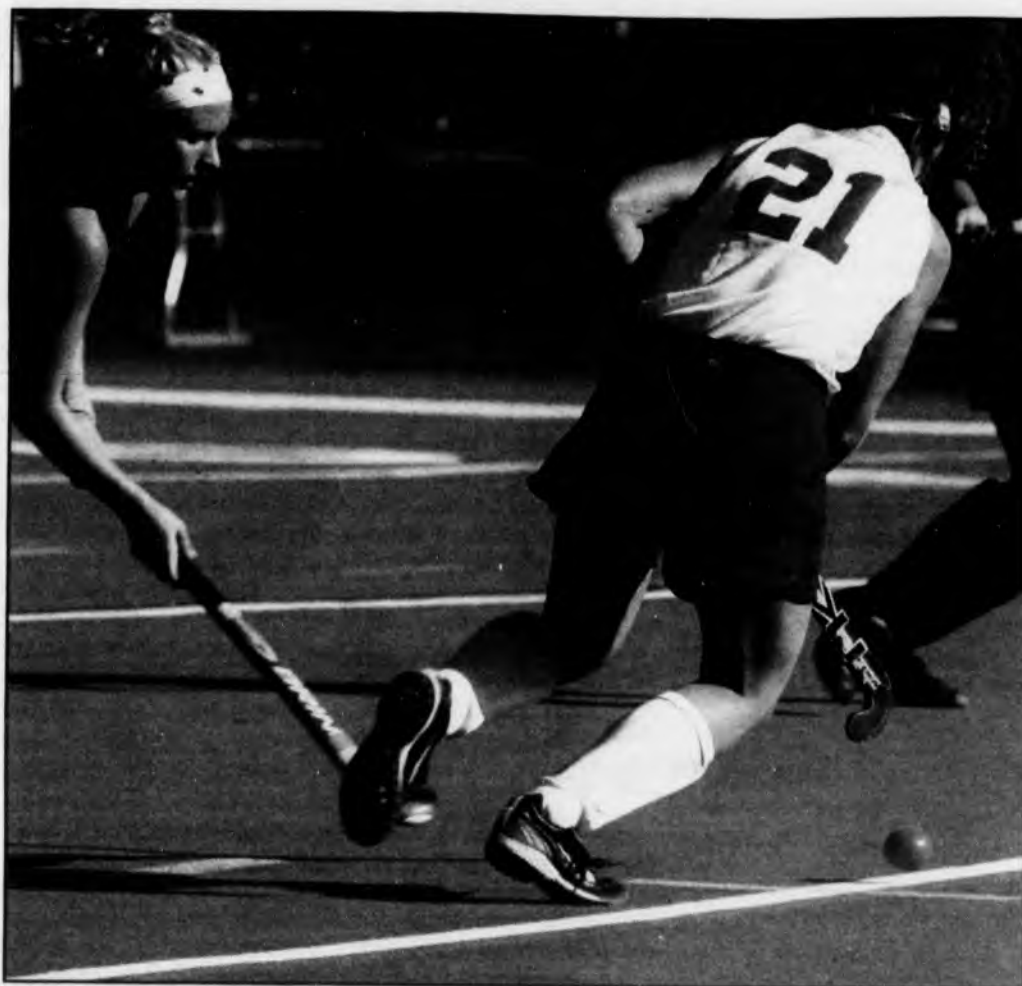
"We played the best that we could.

We didn't give up throughout the entire game and kept trying to come back, but we couldn't keep up with their scoring," said Duffy.

The Mules are now 1-2 in the Centennial Conference, which ranks them in sixth place overall.

"We still have a chance to make playoffs and we are going to try to spark intensity," said Senior Steph Light.

The Mules next game is Friday at 6 p.m. against Dickinson College.



Sophomore Lauren Rutt steals the ball from a defender and charges down the field.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

First win of the year is a large success

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The College's rugby club won its first game of the season this past Saturday against Lehigh University 10-0. Lehigh University's rugby team recently moved from Division II to Division III this year.

After forty minutes of battling in the first half, neither team was able to cross either try line to tally five points. While the Mules were unable to score, they also prevented Lehigh from scoring; this was a problem in the last game where LeSalle College scored 39 points.

In the second half, the Mules finally got on the board about fifteen minutes into play when senior hooker Jess Cortapasso pushed her way past the Lehigh tacklers to score the try.

Even though this was enough to beat Lehigh, Senior co-Captain Julie High added an insurance try about fifteen minutes later to tally the final

score, 10-0. "There was a drastic improvement from last week," said High. "We were able to improve on our weaknesses from last game and that was reflected in our win. It was a team effort and a moment of satisfaction after all that we've been working on."

Like every team at the College, the rugby club trains endlessly in the down-time between seasons. This hard work enabled the team to play together.

"We just came together and played as a team," said Senior Emily Steginsky. "We would get the ball, take it into tackle and off load to a person who was also right there, and work our way up the field."

"This worked especially well because our scrums were amazing," said Steginsky. "We were picking up loose balls like a vacuum."

The Mules' next home game is this Saturday against Bryn Mawr College. The game is at Alton Park in Allentown at 1 p.m.

RUGBY

Mules gallop past the finish line

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend at Dickinson College's Dickinson Invitational, the men's and women's cross country teams finished fifth and eleventh, respectively. The meet consisted of two races for men, a 4K and an 8K, and two races for women, a 4K and a 6K. All of the Mules competed in the longer races.

Junior Steve Rothwell led the men's

team with a seventh place finish. Juniors Lex Mercado and Tim Seeley finished in 23rd and 25th place, respectively.

After resting last weekend in lieu of upcoming meets, Senior Karen Mount led the women with an eighth place finish. Sophomore Christy Goff and Freshman Kathryn Niedzwicki secured 64th and 75th place to allow for an eight point win over Juniata College. The Mules next race is on Saturday at DeSales University.

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Defense played extremely well and held the team together. Haverford had a total of 23 shots on goal throughout the game. Defenders Sophomore Maura Hendsey, Freshman Heather Scudellari and Amari only allowed eight shots to reach junior goalie Kayla Boisvert.

The ball handling between the defenders was excellent. If it is evident that Hendsey, Scudellari and Amari are becoming extremely comfortable with playing together. Their communication has improved immensely. As Amari said, the team looks much better as a whole compared to the beginning of

their season. "The players are beginning to become more finalized in their position and things are more comfortable. We are hoping that this comfort will create surge in the second half of the season, we are much more confident now."

The forwards made efforts on Saturday, but they just couldn't get the ball in the net. Haverford's defense was brutal and put up a good fight, but the offense still had good shooting. Overall, the Mules' shots are much improved up six from the Johns Hopkins University game.

The Mules will go on to play the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats on Tues., Oct. 11th.

Second week in a row Mules come up short

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The women's volleyball team lost both games last week.

After starting off quickly in the first game against Haverford College, the Mules won the first set 30-26. After this win, they dropped the next three sets.

It wasn't all bad news for the Mules. Senior Julie Lauro continues to raise the bar, putting her name in the College record books. Lauro recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 14 digs. The 13 kills gave her 1,610 total for her college career, making her the fifth player in Centennial Conference history to amass 1,600 total kills. Lauro is third on the All-Time Centennial Conference kills list, 75 kills away from second place.

Sophomore Jess Anselmi recorded her second double-

double with 11 digs and ten kills.

The College then played Johns Hopkins University. The Mules dropped all three sets (30-25, 30-15, 30-23). Anselmi had ten kills while Senior co-Captain Jen Weist gained 14 digs and 15 assists.

The Mules record is now 8 wins to 8 losses and 1 win to 2 losses in the Centennial Conference.

Weist said "Both Haverford and Hopkins were very talented teams. My teammates and I are still working hard with our goals set at making the Conference tournament where we will hopefully meet these two teams once again."

The Mules play against The Catholic University of America and McDaniel College at noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday during Homecoming Weekend.



Junior Julie Lauro makes one of her standard kills during the Mules' match against Haverford Colleges'.

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another touchdown. The score was 9-13 and then F&M improved their score with a successful two point conversion.

Although the offense was plagued with four interceptions and two fumbles, the defense and special teams came through in the end and put points on the board. The College's defense denied four scoring attempts before F&M's final touchdown.

Sophomore Dustin Good took his first career interception. Senior Mark Bennett led the defense with 12 tackles and Junior Jeff Morrow achieved a career high of 11 tackles in this game. These efforts by the defense kept the College in the game.

Next week the Mules meet Dickinson at the College at 1 p.m. The team is looking for a big win for Homecoming Weekend against the 1-3 Red Devils.

Mules prove they are solid after loss

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team rebounded from a tough loss to Franklin & Marshall and improved to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the Centennial Conference when they beat McDaniel College 1-0 on Saturday.

Sophomore Jonathan Kliever scored the only goal of the game 11 minutes into play. The goal was assisted by Senior Chris King. Kliever is the Mules' leading scorer in Centennial Conference matches with five points in four games. The Mules' veteran defense helped the lone goal stand while allowing McDaniel just six shots on goal.

Sophomore goalie Peter Bennett recorded his third shutout of the season. The Green Terror were previously unbeaten in the Conference. With the win, the Mules improved to 6-1 in their last seven match-ups against McDaniel at McDaniel's field.

"After the two losses to DeSales and Franklin & Marshall, we knew we needed to get our heads together and start winning. It's all about battling back and at McDaniel we were able to hold out a tough game. We showed a lot of

character by grinding it out until the very end," said Sophomore Karim Assous.

Last week's standings showed the College leading the Centennial pack in goals per game. With 19 goals in seven games, the Mules average 2.71 goals per game. Standings show King and Senior Matt Pitetti among Conference leaders in goals per game. Kliever, Assous and Senior Jose Ramirez are tied for first in assists per game.

With a 3-1 record in the Centennial Conference, the Mules are in second place. If the Mules beat Swarthmore this weekend, they will tie Swarthmore's record this season.

"The game against Swarthmore will be like another Hopkins game and it will show who is number one in the league. We've really been trying to respect our opponents this season, and in doing that we're prepared to come out strong. The most important thing is showing up to play," Assous said.

The Mules face the Conference's first place team, Swarthmore Saturday at 1 p.m.

"The game should be great. It's Homecoming Weekend," added Assous. "With our home crowd there, we know we'll be pumped up and ready to play."

DID YOU KNOW?

On this day, Oct. 6th in 1880, the Cincinnati Reds were kicked out of the National League for selling beer during games. They were admitted back into the league on Nov. 14th, 1889.

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Junior Andrea Dello-Russo blocks out a competitor and steals the ball.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

Offense wins the Mules a crucial Conference game

By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules had two grueling games this week. While skidding past Swarthmore College on Tuesday with a 1-0 win, the Mules fell to Haverford College Saturday, 0-2.

The Mules' accurate foot-to-foot passes were evident went in to the game against Swarthmore. The midfielders, which include Junior Kristen Cioeta, Senior Amy Schmidt, Sophomore Sara Gearin and Junior Maria Tranguch, helped the forwards hold pressure on the Garnets all throughout the game.

The Mules dominated Swarthmore on total shots on-goal. The forwards had multiple on-goal shots that were close, with multiple shots hitting the goal posts. While Swarthmore was only able to get five shots on goal, the Mules had 15 shots on goal.

The front line of Juniors Andrea Dello Russo and Elana Rabinowitz and Freshman Emily Burritt had a tremendous game. Rabinowitz had a shot on goal that hit the post. Despite this

missed opportunity, the Mules finished the game without holding any effort back. Since Sophomore Katie Rhodes' ongoing injury kept her out of the game, Burritt stepped up and played.

Dello Russo and Rabinowitz, along with Senior Katie Amari, led the team on Tuesday. Recently the team has been experimenting with strong defensive and midfield plays. "The defenders and midfielders are really helping out the offense," says Amari. "Things are looking much better and we are starting to play better as a whole."

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Sophomore Alissa Constantinople was able to blast a shot right into the goal. Constantinople scored early in the second half with 36 minutes left on the clock. The 1-0 win for the Mules now brings their Centennial Conference record to 1-1-1.

On Saturday the team went to battle the Haverford Fords, where they fell to a 0-2 loss. Despite the loss, the Mules held strong and finished out a good game.

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Defense stays strong, but turnovers are too much

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College had their Centennial Conference opener Saturday at Franklin & Marshall College. The Mule's defense were able to hold up against the F&M offense, but the Mules struggled with turnovers for the second game in a row. The Mules were defeated 15-9 and now carry a 1-3 record.

Unlike their game at Grove City College last week, the College was first on the scoreboard this week. With 8:17 in the first quarter, Senior Antoine Williams made his way through the line of scrimmage to block the Diplomat's punt. A Diplomat recovered the ball in the endzone; the Mules took the safety and

were up 2-0.

The start of the second quarter gave way to a failed pitch by F&M. Senior Dan McCall picked up the fumble and charged downfield 72 yards. The run concluded with McCall's first career touchdown and a 9-0 lead for the Mules. The run was just three yards short of the College's current record for longest fumble return, which was set by Sam Beidleman, who is currently the College's Athletic Director, in 1963.

F&M scored a touchdown from a 25-yard pass and were two points behind the Mules at the half. The Mules held the lead until there was 5:52 left in the game. The Diplomats completed a seven-yard pass for

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Senior Mike Leanch blocks for his offense as they charge down the field.

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The radio's status comes under the microscope



Paul DeMillo '06 rocks out during his radio show.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

By Michael Dello Buono
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Aside from being expensive, acquiring a radio license from the Federal Communications Commission is now incredibly difficult. Consequently, organizations that are looking for the ability to broadcast in the Lehigh Valley area are in the position of having to negotiate with current FM license owners.

WLTU, a Bethlehem-based station, has been looking for a local FM station to partner with. Around the time of the first mayoral debate in June 2005, President Randy Helm discussed with Pat Simon of WLTU the vague possibility of some form of association between WLTU and WMUH. A preliminary proposal was presented to the administration of the College. When the College attempted communication with WLTU in late August there was no response, and this holds currently. Although WMUH's FCC license is up for renewal on Aug. 1, 2006, the College has no intention of giving it up.

On Sept. 2nd, *The Morning Call* reported that "Lehigh Valley public television station PBS-39, WLTU-TV, is again actively seeking a radio affili-

ate, sending merger proposals in recent days to Lehigh Carbon Community College and Muhlenberg College. The television station, which failed to persuade a majority of WDIY-FM 88.1 directors to merge with it several months ago, wants to launch a 24-hour news and information station with a strong emphasis on National Public Radio programming," said Pat Simon, PBS-39's President and Chief Executive Officer."

This statement has contributed to extensive conjecture regarding a possible dissemblance or alteration of WMUH. It is possible that the partnership between the College and WLTU would convert 91.7 FM into a public news station. This would effectively eliminate music programming. The staff would be comprised of paid professionals and students would lose their positions as deejays but would have the possibility to assume roles within the station as interns. Having a professional setting right on campus for students to participate in and gain "real world" experience would be the justification for any poten-

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Candlelight vigil raises awareness of domestic violence

By Deborah Mazanek
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

At the College, students comfortably stroll around campus within a seemingly safe community. Fundamentals of safety begins the very first weekend of freshman year with "The Red Zone," which talks about the safety and the precautions the individual should take.

On Oct. 20, National Domestic Violence Awareness Day, the Allentown community joined together with the College for a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of domestic violence. Headed by Pam Russell, the Executive Director, Turning Point is a non-profit organization of Lehigh Valley that makes the public aware of domestic violence and aids those who are victims. They educate and support spouses, children and families who may need help.

As supporters walked inside Egner Chapel, they were greeted with elegant and beautiful table settings. At each table setting, a card named in memory of a person or persons who had died through domestic

violence was placed. One card was placed for an unborn child "not given a chance in this world." Her mother was beaten during pregnancy which resulted in a miscarriage.

Across the foyer of the chapel was a children's display decorated with handouts with numbers and information about the effects of Domestic

Turning Point's survivors passionately shared their experiences during the candlelight ceremony.

Violence on children. "Children" describing an age range from helpless infant to preadolescent.

Alpha Chi Omega sorority held an overflowing presence at the vigil. As the chapter's philanthropy, virtually every member supported both the Turning Point organization and all of the survivors of domestic violence.

Jennifer Vessio '06, an Alpha Chi Omega Sister,

helped organize the Turning Point Vigil in order to make young women here at the College more aware that domestic abuse affects women of all ages.

"Alpha Chi Omega's national philanthropy is the fight against domestic violence; therefore, it made perfect sense for the Muhlenberg chapter of AXO to partner with the Allentown Turning Point," said Vessio.

"All of the sisters agreed that connecting with Turning Point and organizing a Candlelight Vigil would not only benefit the victims of abuse, but would also show members of the College Community and the local community that abuse can happen for all different reasons and to all different types of women," Vessio continued.

The sisters were involved with the Clothesline Project at the event. This was an important attribute to the ceremony, standing as a memorial to the victims and survivors of domestic violence. Painted tee-shirts decorated the chapel

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As part of the Clothesline Project, painted tee-shirts act as a reminder of the victims of domestic abuse.

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Money goes towards aesthetics instead of essentials

Money is one of those things that is always in short supply. It particularly seems that when you need money most, it's never there. Having just recently gone through our own struggle to gain funding to replace our very old office printer, we can definitely understand the frustration and desperation that can come with trying to receive money. Fresh from our own experience of arguing for funding, we can understand and support the Letter to the Editor sent by the members of EnAct (see page 2).

With over one hundred organizations, many of which receive funding from Student Council and all of which have a need for some kind of financial support, it is obvious that Student Council does not have the ability to fully fund every one of them. This is quite understandable. Other resources on campus, however, have more financial power and influence and we, like the members of EnAct, wonder about the legitimacy of the products that are being purchased when students must scrimp and save in order to fund things like trips and supplies that are both needed and valuable. For instance, does the school really need, or benefit from, new flags flying along Academic Row and Chew Street? Yes, they may look nice and serve as cheery advertisements, but couldn't that money be used in a more constructive, positive manner? Do students even pay attention to these flags (besides when they're being ripped down by students in drunken hazes)?

Of course, beautifying the College is something that is important, but we feel that flags and enclosures for the dumpsters are used more for advertising purposes than for satisfying the current Student Body. Recently, money was used in a positive manner for the current students living in the five dormitories that have communal bathrooms when soap dispensers were purchased for them. Obviously, this served as a major benefit to students' health. However, trying to obtain the funding for this venture proved to be quite difficult. Why would money be so readily given for flags and so evasive for hygiene?

We are not faulting anyone personally; what we are doing is recommending that campus officials make more careful decisions on where they put their money—after all, their money is our money.

'Berg actively active

Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

College is just one big party, which is occasionally interrupted by classes. Well, that's if students decide to go. They never do work anyway, and no one is ever at the library. As for organizations, they are just a name; they don't do anything.

If you believe this, then you have not been to this college. The student body, both as individuals and as entire organizations, proves this wrong every month of each semester. How often are tables in Seegers Union decorated or have a bucket requesting donations? How many bake sales have we seen throughout a semester? When has there been any time that you have not seen a dedicated student doing something to better the campus or community? In the past month, organizations and athletic teams have raised money and/or fought for a cause.

As many people know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and many campus organizations contributed toward this cause. For example, the women's basketball team put on the first annual Athletics for a Cure this past Saturday night. S.H.A.R.E. also held their fourth annual Dance for a Cure the night before. Together, these events raised over \$3,200 for breast cancer research and treatment. Dance for a Cure alone raised \$3,000. "It was, by far, the most successful dance we've had in the past four years," said S.H.A.R.E. Treasurer Rachel Schein. "I, and the rest of the committee, are thrilled with the attendance from the Student Body and the support we received from the surrounding community."

Greek Life made their mark as well, participating in cancer awareness walks held in several states.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor,

We are horrified by the amount of funding being spent on unreasonable purchases. We have noticed numerous changes that have recently taken place at Muhlenberg. These changes include newly designed flags hanging from light posts along Academic Row and Chew Street. Also observed are new red doors that mark the entryway to Seegers Union. Within Seegers, the Garden Room has experienced a facelift with a fresh coat of red paint and new lighting fixtures. Beyond the walls of Seegers, construction continues to consume the West Quad, and who could not help but notice the monstrous black gates that surround the dumpsters outside of Prosser, Taylor, East and most recently outside of ML, Brown and Walz? Were these changes absolutely necessary, and at what costs?

Tuition money going to trash

We realize it is important to maintain the college's beauty and appeal, but why are all of these changes happening now; where is all of this money suddenly coming from? These trash gates are what we find to be absolutely atrocious! These black fences are "beautifying" the campus at \$20,000 a piece! These enclosures are outlandishly large, not to mention dark (they are known as "rape gates" to many of the students), and are just plain disgusting as students are now catapulting their garbage over the fences, to allow the trash to explode inside. This certainly makes a fine feast for all types of creatures, not to mention more work for the Plant Operations staff.

What are our values? One enclosure costs more than a semester's worth of tuition. Is this really what we want our tuition going towards? This is a call to anyone who signs a check to Muhlenberg College each year: take action or continue to witness your money going to the dump.

Severely concerned,
The members of the
Environmental Action Team - EnAct

To the Editor,

Each week, as the father of a 'Berg student, I read *The Muhlenberg Weekly* with great interest. This week's issue reminds me how as kids, we moved through each year of school, learning new theories, new jokes and new tricks to play on our friends. Then next year as new students moved into our old classroom, the same learning started all over again, but new to them, just as it had been new for us.

What reminded me of this was Joe Caporoso's Op-Ed regarding evolution theories (Oct. 6th issue). This same discussion has echoed through the halls of learning since even before my day, and now it is your turn. The only difference between my day and yours is that a few judges will now decide "the origin of the species" in a way very similar to how judges decided *Roe v. Wade*. Not by honest debate or scientific proof, but by political persuasion.

Evolving theories shouldn't be alone

Life's greatest mysteries resolved by judges legislating from the bench.

It would be easy to say "Hey Judge, until it is called Darwin's 'LAW' of evolution, ya gotta teach all competing theories." I'm sure glad earlier judges didn't decide that the flat earth theory was the only one that could be taught in schools.....or did they?

The simple truth is, Darwin's Theory isn't "proven" yet. Just as there isn't proof of Creationism....sorry, Intelligent Design. How many species have actually been observed evolving by human eyes? Actual physical changes not just learned behavior. Can you name one?

Can you prove that when the first "thing" crawled out of the ocean onto land, that some "intelligent" hand did not play a part in the event? Finding a fossil with flippers that look like feet does not a theory prove. And how do you know that Intelligent Design itself wasn't the seed for "evolution?"

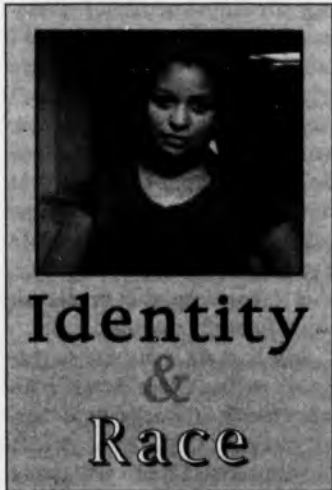
I'm not trying to be (too) facetious here, but this discussion is as old as dirt, and until there is proof one way or the other, both theories must continue to be explored....IF you are serious about being a seeker of the truth. That is why we go to college, isn't it?

Mr. Caporoso, the next time you are patting your liberal backside for embracing all things ethnic and cultural and religious, remember to embrace ALL diverse views. To do otherwise would be hypocritical.

Sincerely,
R.D. Klein

Racism more common than should be

What is the true nature of racism in today's world?



Identity & Race

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

I want a peace that passeth all understanding and lately I haven't been able to recognize the inherent peace within my own body. I've been so angry, but it has been a subtle anger because I haven't been able to name its origins; I feel like there is no end to my discomfort on this campus. People know they are racist and why they

are racist and they choose not to eradicate it because they are comfortable. Being comfortable is like getting a tattoo and then having a child, and watching that tattoo stretch into another image, but be the same in its essentials. A racist's views just inflate. There is no peace in being comfortable, peace is a state of mind that you work for.

There is innocence in the ignorance of racism. The innocent perceive race because they are not afraid to question difference, but the ones who are immersed in their state of race cannot fathom where their point of reference is and where they need to return to inside themselves to gain the validation they seek.

Voltaire said, "To succeed in chaining the crowd you must seem to wear the same fetters." Validation is both a tricky institution and living code. While it's true that the validation you may receive from both your peers

and mentors is valuable to your development as a moral human being, validation needs to begin within yourself. Dependence is a dangerous habit to get into as it can also lead to the conditioning of your vision. Also, validation is easily confused with the actualization someone participates in when they are recognizing an aspect of your identity.

Racists have a certain type of vision, and that vision does not rely on imagination, but rather the integrity of the intensity of their beliefs. To exist in an intelligent and moral society, a racist has to be settled into their identity so completely that their intentions become pure. Purity is only able to exist in racism because the deep hatred involved has a high concentration. In purity resides power, when this power is both shared and organized, an institution is born. A racist institution relies on ceremonious gestures heavy

with the scent of individuality without its originality.

A group that relies on its destructive past has no place in the future, and even less in the present. When it comes to the socialization of Black Americans, often the only thing historians focus on as the root of all our problems is slavery. To put America's age in perspective, slavery only ended a little while ago, and the Civil Rights Movement ended yesterday, so it is pertinent to our identity to recognize slavery and not validate it. If you are focused on your baggage, and the baggage that is associated with whatever race you happen to be of, then your vision will always be colored with intentions that are not necessarily yours. Joseph

Campbell, in his novel *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* said, "Tragedy is the shattering of the forms and of our attachment to the forms; comedy, the wild and careless, inexhaustible joy of life invincible." An incident with the ability to shake your soul can become a tragedy if you allow your mind to fully process it. A plethora of people do not want to take the time to discover what other people are actually about, friendliness is not everything at the end of the

As a multicultural young adult, I struggle with the fact that I have been taught from birth to perceive my race and the race of others with a particular set of rules.

day and in the face of racism if the only thing you did was to be friendly then you are only encouraging sloth. Tragedy is a place to be wary of as it has the tendency to distract, however,

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To pray or not to pray

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Marcus Borden has been the head football coach at East Brunswick High School in New Jersey for over two decades. However, for the remainder of this season and possibly forever, the sidelines will be minus the legendary high school coach. Borden decided to resign after being informed he was not allowed to lead his team in a pre-game prayer anymore.

Traditionally, before their pre-game meal and then right before their game, Borden would lead his players and fellow coaches in a simple prayer requesting their safety and good luck. Allegedly, parents of an East Brunswick cheerleader on the team filed a complaint about the prayer in the public school, forcing the superintendent to confront Borden. Faced with dropping the prayer or resigning, Borden chose the latter, which started a debate in the community.

In 1995, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit found that student-led prayer was constitutional, but that it could not be led by someone associated with the school or under the school's supervision. When Borden called for the team to

pray--an act that is very common--he violated this law.

The entire religion in public places issue has been an ongoing saga, often with people putting their foot down in the wrong places. It is understandable to recognize that our government is based on the separation of church and state and religion should not be pushed in our faces if we want to avoid it. However, sometimes people go overboard and seem as if they are trying to deplete the presence of religion entirely in our country. Let's not forget places without religion are most likely communist countries or countries lead by dictators.

If you are fighting to keep church and state separate then you should pick your battles wisely. The fact that a football team prays for their safety and for good luck before their game is completely acceptable, no matter whom it is led by. A team prayer is not Sunday Mass. It is a simple request for safety in a dangerous sport. Usually, a specific God isn't even mentioned. All it entails is taking a second to reflect and collect your thoughts in a moment of silence. What is next? When somebody dies, they won't

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in the breaking and opening of what is you, change is possible.

As a multicultural young adult, I struggle with the fact that I have been taught, from birth, to perceive my race and the race of others with a particular set of rules. I have come to a place where I can't differentiate between my willingness to care about race, my obligation to care about race and the fact that I am good at race so maybe that's why I care. I don't know which school of thought would be the wrong one to choose, or which would be the right one. It is insanity to have all three actualized in situations throughout your day, but in an institution that is

geared towards a "normal" identity that I cannot possess, I suppose it is "normal" to feel this way in social situations.

I have come to realize that there is intelligence present in innocence, and I envy this innocence because it is truly a state of mind that takes the utmost control to exist in. I admire the power of a racist in this respect because in the face of racism, because I am not innocent, I can never turn a blind eye or wear a mask that grins and lies. Innocence is not abstinence, only trial and error, testing the water with a complete body instead of a finger. Innocence doesn't know pain is the result of hurting yourself, why else would a racist meet my eyes?

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even be allowed a moment of silence because people complain about the religious connotations?

Our country needs to find a happy medium in the ongoing debate of where religion should and should not be. We don't need to be overzealous by pulling "Under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance or by dictating how our athletes prepare for games. However, we also need to make sure we remain a country that remembers it was built on the belief of our religion being separated by our government.

We are a secular country when it comes to governance, but in reality most people in this country follow some sort of religion. You cannot wipe out the fact that religion exists. It

needs to be respected for those who follow it and not imposed on those who don't follow those practices.

In the end, the story of Marcus Borden is a sad one. He was one of the most respected high school coaches in New Jersey. He helped create The Snapple Bowl, an all-star game that raised money for charity, and was a pioneer of the modern New Jersey playoff system. Borden decided to resign with his convictions intact and not change his effective coaching style from the previous 23 years. It is a shame that a few complaints put this man in any position that he had to even consider resigning.

One thing is for sure, there will still be coaches out there who lead their team in pre-game prayer. Hopefully, people outside of their teams won't force them to change their ways.

Decisions become more difficult than GR or GQ

Kate Arney-Cimino
MUHLENBERG ALUMNAE

I've never experienced a panic attack first hand; however, I imagine I have felt the beginning signs after leaving an interview where the job would require me to work from seven in the morning to six at night. How is this adjustment supposed to be made after four years of no class earlier than eleven and Fridays off? This may sound spoiled, but these are the truisms of the young adults who have no immediate pressure to financially support themselves—we, the young graduates are the offspring of the baby boomers.

Sporadic days of my summer after graduation were spent interviewing while my nights were spent with my friends in Starbucks eating big pink cookies and trying to plan a spontaneous road trip to Vegas for an In-and-Out burger. All four of us recent graduates had the luxury to travel, play online poker and dodge the 9-5 life sentence.

Recently, I received my first glimpse of the nine hour day reality, an hour off

for lunch—unpaid, while temping for an import/export reseller company. I love the way that sounds. It's forty hours a week in an office with one other woman. I hate the way it feels. The owner thoughtfully installed pink fluorescent lights instead of the glaring white ones; however these make my windowless cubicle seem darker.

I know I have picked a bad job when one of the most exciting times of day is when Kenny, the UPS guy, comes and gives me a report on the weather because I cannot see outside; or some days when the DHL man comes and I get to sign my name on that electronic pad and then watch him frantically try to type my long last name as I spell it too fast for him on purpose. And on Tuesdays, a man with dirty toes, shabby clothes and sandals comes in and sells trail mixes out of a cooler. I think about what to buy and that takes up seven minutes. Sometimes the phone rings and it's someone who has the wrong numbers which can result in me smiling sincerely for the first time, like the British man calling ask-

ing for dog obedience classes. The forty-plus woman I work with, although she says her husband hasn't touched her in years, announces when she is doing her kagel exercises. At five o'clock I get in my new car, for which my whole paycheck goes to pay for, and I turn up the music so loud I forget my day.

My friends, who are fortunate enough to have cars which are already paid for, are laying by their pools reading the latest books by David Sedaris and Malcolm Gladwell, and are still figuring out what their next step in life will be. We will continue to wallow in our indecision while we sit by the pool. We will try not to think of all the hard life-altering decisions we must face and instead fantasize of starting our own restaurants or becoming fashion designers who will make socially aware shirts like Boomer babies got the blues.

And then when I did finally get my 'real job,' how quickly I was to look back at my friends and think, 'how immature.' I'm a grown up and they're not—who's the lucky one?

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Alpha Chi Omega, for example, gathered a team and traveled to New York City, N.Y. to participate in the Susan G. Komen "Race for a Cure." Delta Zeta also traveled to Philadelphia, Pa. to walk across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in the Walk for Hope.

And remember those pieces of paper that you may have signed in Seegers Union last week? "Those papers" attempted to test your personal control over alcohol intake. They were also part of Choice Week's extensive schedule in an attempt to educate students on the dangers of drinking and misuse of prescribed and illegal drugs. Student-athletes sat at that table convincing students to pledge abstinence or responsible drinking. Other events during Choice Week included drunk driving simulations as well as speakers.

While these activities are highly recognized across campus, they are merely only a

few of the programs and a tiny bit of the effort given by the student body toward something positive at the College besides classes. Education does not end in the classroom and in college it is important that we learn as much as possible. Granted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and this past week was Choice Week, organizations had reason to become involved. However, many other groups on campus are active for other causes, such as the rugby team's game against Lehigh on Oct. 17. They raised \$300 for the Quadriplegic Rugby Association by playing in prom dresses. The money was given to U.S. rugby player Mark Zupan when he spoke on Oct. 19 in the College's Empie Theatre.

Students on campus do much more than take classes and lounge around. Many students do belong to organizations. And, shown especially during October, organizations actually DO involve themselves, which takes much effort and time that is not recognized their transcripts.

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to remind its participants of the numerous children and families physically and emotionally abused. While white shirts were reserved in the names of those who have been murdered, every shirt gave each woman and child a new means to voice her experience.

Turning Point's survivors passionately shared their experiences during the candlelight ceremony.

Each survivor offered a portion of their lives to the tear-filled congregation. Stories included spouses controlling their behavior, money and/or

decisions, and also an intense fear of their abuser inside and outside the home.

"The past cannot change. It is what you do with your future," one victim said as she lit her own candle and afterward lit the candle of another individual. Every speaker passed the light, illuminating the church with a beautiful glow. "These women are strong and amazing people," one spectator reflected.

Barbara Lupole, "a concerned community woman of the United States" said afterwards, "When you hear the stories, be mad. Don't be sad. Take action. It's been my passion for years. Nobody should

have to suffer." As a passionate nurse and mother, she encourages anyone to get involved.

"Turning Point is extremely important and a powerful way for all of us to work towards human dignity," said Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life and Board Member of Turning Point. She agrees with Lupole's feelings in the necessity of not just understanding the problem and all its extremities, but aiding in the battle against domestic violence. Dean Wilson added that, "A call to action means having respect for oneself and respect for others."

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tial gain the Student Body would receive from such an arrangement.

Alumni who had caught word of this possibility, such as Kristine M. Young '96 and former station manager Alex

McTighe '99, were immediately concerned about the status of W M U H . Another alumni, Heather Stamm '94, has expressed similar concerns

via the alumni website "mymuhlenberg.com." The overarching sentiment expressed by former and current WMUH staffers and supporters has been a combination of outrage and disappointment that the idea would even be considered. Radio Station Manager Joe Swanson said, "Unfortunately, all I can say in this point of time is that an offer has been presented and it is under review."

Helm believes the response received from merely talking about opportunities was

unwarranted. He said that the College would be interested if "it had an opportunity for helping without hindering the benefits of the radio station." Helm clarifies that "At no time was there an intention of selling the license." Negotiations between the College and WLTV never even transpired.

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The College radio station has been contributing to the Lehigh Valley community for over half a century. The organization started broadcasting from a closed circuit AM channel limited to the campus in 1950. After receiving a license for FM public radio at 91.7 FM in 1964, WMUH now fires radio waves across the Valley at 440 watts (about a 35 mile radius) and listeners can tune in from all over the world via Real Audio streaming on the Internet.

The block format that the station has adopted supports programming that can't be found elsewhere, and aspirations for further expansion and innovation within the station continues.

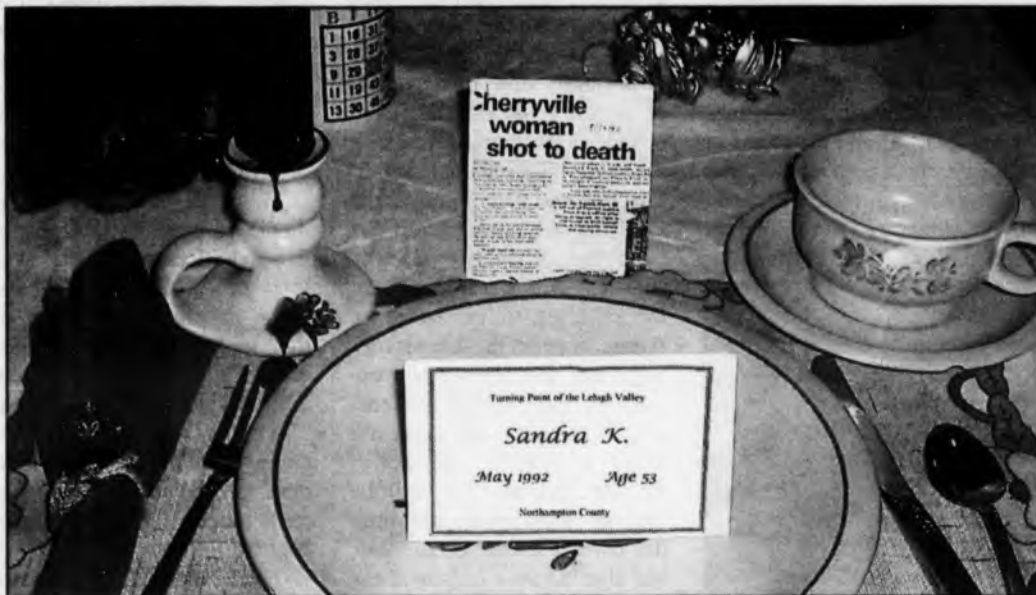


Table settings were dedicated to victims of domestic violence at the Candlelight Vigil.

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Hurricane Katrina forum engages students in passionate discourse

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As America braces itself for yet another natural disaster in the form of Hurricane Wilma, many feel that it is important to look to the past to Hurricane Katrina. A two hour open forum was held on Oct. 6 in Miller Forum regarding Hurricane Katrina and the ethical implications of the aftermath.

The forum was organized by Kathryn Ranieri, visiting Assistant Professor of Communications. Ranieri said that she had "followed the Katrina event daily since it happened and was dumbfounded that nothing was being done on campus." She believes that the reason that Hurricane Katrina is such an important event to look at is because "it covered so many issues such as poverty, race

and racism."

By organizing the forum entitled "Hurricane Katrina: What can we learn?" Ranieri hoped to bring passionate individuals together, both students and faculty, to discuss the many aspects of Hurricane Katrina. The topics of the forum ranged from political implications of the rescue effort, to the specific effort made by the College to support the victims of the tragedy. Special emphasis was put on the students' involvement in the relief effort and the ways in which the College could become more involved.

The forum served as a way in which students and faculty could express their opinions on a number of different topics. Some articulated their disappointment in the financial response of the College Community to the relief effort

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Correction

In the article "Downloading music could violate ABC" from the Oct. 6th issue, we stated "Provost Marjorie Hass and other campus officials are considering making illegal music downloading an infraction of the Academic Behavior Code." However, Hass had not spoken to campus officials and said it is "not an Academic Behavior Code issue." Harry Miller, Director of Information Technology, Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer & Treasurer and Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations added that "copyright infringement is a violation of the Policy on Electronic Communication and Information Access," but is in no way related to the ABC. We also reported that the College could get in legal trouble if music downloading occurs. However, the College is not held responsible, but must "respond to legal notice of copyright infringement." The College has been addressing issues of "music file-sharing for several years." We reported that the College is "unable to track frequency of usage of file sharing programs," however, according to Miller, Dyer and Bruckner, other than for licensing purposes, the College "avoids any routine monitoring regarding which programs are used by which users." Lastly, we reported that the penalty for illegal music downloading would result in the removal of the individual from the network, including Blackboard, Capstone and campus email. However, "The penalty for repeat copyright infringement offenders would only deny campus network access to any personal computer registered by the student within the residential network." The affected students would be able to use any other computers on campus "during the penalty affecting their personal computer."

In the article "Chapel celebrates its 75th anniversary," from the Oct. 6 issue, we said that "On the Sunday of Homecoming weekend, there will be a guest speaker, Mike Mykescholtes." However, the actual name is Mike Scholtes.

The Weekly strives for accuracy and apologizes for those mistakes. If you encounter an error, please e-mail us at weekly@muhlenberg.edu.

SCOLA exposes students and faculty to worldwide media programming

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's Strategic Planning and Mission Statement says that "We are also committed to educating the whole person through experiences within and beyond the classroom." As the education atmosphere throughout higher education is constantly extending beyond the classroom into a focus upon global education, the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department at the College recently implemented the SCOLA software. Dr. Luba Iskold, Director of the Language Learning Center, and Dr. Joan Marx, Head of the Language, Literature and Culture Department, requested the implementation of the

program to Provost Marjorie Hass.

The program, funded through the Provost's office, enables members of the College Community, including both faculty and students to access foreign telecasts over the Internet. The users can get newscasts in different foreign languages and also have the ability to get programs that are translated. According to Hass, there was a startup fee and there is an annual fee the College must pay in order to use the program. Due to its relatively low

price, the program happened to fit into the monetary budget for the 05-06 fiscal school year.

Currently the department is learning how to use the program. After this process they are expected to sponsor workshops during the spring to teach other faculty members to implement the program into their current curriculum.

"When Muhlenberg College looks for ideas and programs to put into place, they do not look for something that will keep things in place, never merely bells and whistles, yet they look

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Marjorie Hass

to implement something that will be a fundamental change unto how the curriculum is taught. It will take time to learn how to use the new program, and how to exactly implement it, yet Muhlenberg's faculty is great at peer to peer teaching," said Hass.

Anyone with a College email account is able to access the program. According to Iskold, "SCOLA's mission is "to help the people of the world learn more about one another; their cultures, their languages and their ideologies. SCOLA emphasizes the importance and effectiveness of modern information technology as a tool in overcoming the barriers to global understanding and will remain at the forefront of its application."

In the constantly globally changing world, it is important for students to be aware of events beyond the classroom. With this tool, in the convenience of their laptop, students will be able to see what the news is around the world. Faculty and students will be able to differentiate not only the current events of the day, but also the style of how these countries and organizations report this information. American values are not shared throughout the world, and without leaving the country, one will be able to view this website that allows students to view and understand different mindsets.

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and expressed hope that the continuing attempts to engage the community in philanthropy for the victims, in the coming semester, will prove to be more fruitful in terms of how much money per person is collected.

Chaplain Peter Bredlau said at one point in the discussion, "It has always been a challenge to motivate the masses on campus." Some believe this challenge on campus is mirrored by a challenge within our society.

It was brought up that the first response to the tragedy was from the Canadian Red Cross rather than the American Red Cross. The implications of this were discussed on a political and social level. The crisis, and the forum, brought to light issues of action.

There was a consensus that media coverage of the tragedy is sorely lacking. Many said that the event seems to have fallen off the air of many of the major television stations, with the exception of a few internationally based stations. The lack of current media coverage, just weeks after the incident, proved to be a very hot topic among the students and faculty.




The forum brought together what Ranieri called a "small but mighty" group of individuals who engaged in animated discussion. She believes that the forum has given root to potential changes saying, "Sometimes when we see change it isn't in a big celebrity kind of way."



Students can access SCOLA through any computer hooked up to the Internet.

PHOTO BY SARAH SMITH

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Showers	Few Showers
High: 52 Low: 35	High: 51 Low: 39	High: 55 Low: 40

OFF CAMPUS

Seminar on terrorism urges residents to stay alert

On the night of Mon. Oct 24, there was a Public Terrorism Prevention Seminar given by State Trooper Daniel Steele. He noted that potential local targets could include schools, hospitals, government buildings, the Lehigh Valley Mall, Lehigh Valley International Airport, the Buckeye Pipe Line Co. tank, bridges and overpasses on Interstate 78, events like the Bethlehem Musikfest and eminent buildings in Allentown.

Steele encouraged everyone to be alert, and to immediately contact law enforcement if any unusual activity occurs. He said that "while the focus has been on international terrorism since 9/11, many domestic terrorist groups remain active in Pennsylvania." It is important for residents to be on the lookout.

Parkland students under house arrest

Five Parkland High School students were released into their parents' custody after spending a weekend in detention. The students will remain under house arrest until their next hearing.

The charges stemmed from an Oct. 1 fight that broke out at Troxell Middle School between 35-40 people. Most ran away from the site once the police arrived. However, the five boys, all 17 years old, took responsibility for the dispute that took place that day. Police found no evidence of guns but confirmed the use of wooden baseball bats and a crowbar.

Each of the individuals involved were charged with disorderly conduct, among other things. Parkland Principal Richard Sniscak said he could not comment on disciplinary actions taken against the students at this point in time.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Trees on campus removed for safety purposes

By Kristina Snader
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The brightly-colored leaves found along Academic Row and around campus are beginning to fall from the trees before the winter months creep in. This year, however, the College has scheduled the removal of some of these trees located throughout campus, claiming them unsafe for the College Community.

Within the past two years, the College had hired two certified arborists and a landscape architect to inspect the trees for any damage. They found visible

If there are more participants fronting this undertaking, then there is a better chance of curbing damage to trees in the future.

Kerry Larsen

holes in the trunks of the trees and judged that some of the trees were beyond repair, based on the decay the trunks had suffered.

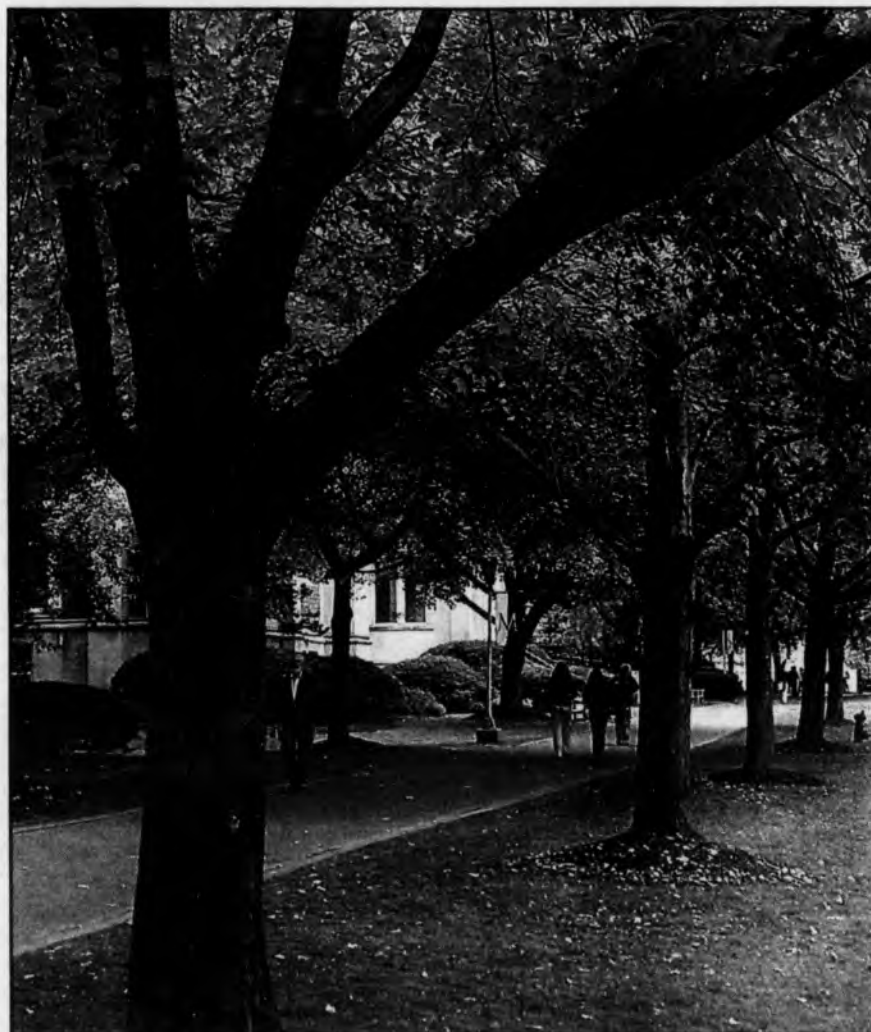
Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor and Head of Biology, said "This [physical damage to the outer layers of the tree trunks] allows for the heartwood to be exposed to insects, pathogens, moisture and air. The heartwood then begins to decay, forming hollow trunks which put the tree at risk."

Soil compaction, wind stress, root damage because of lawnmowers, over-pruning and carpenter ants are only a few of the factors that affect the outer layers of tree trunks growing in urban areas. Over time, the heartwood becomes exposed and eroded, which then creates hollowed trunks that can decay and collapse. Removal for these damaged trees is scheduled during winter break. This is actually a very costly process: large trees could easily cost over \$1,000 to remove.

The College has made plans to replace these trees in the spring and summer months. Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, explains that "Replacement trees will be strategically planted. We obviously cannot plant trees on top of old stumps but will try to locate them close to where the trees that are being removed were located." This will help preserve the campus aesthetics and provide shade where there once was.

The College wishes to conserve the trees that have been planted, but understands the need to remove the ones that are unsafe for the community. They have implemented a refined tree maintenance program, in which more effective pruning techniques will be used as well as better care when mowing the lawn. Organic mulch for the trees is also an option that will give the trees the nutrients they need and reduce impact from lawn equipment. This will prevent more trees from decay, and will hopefully protect other trees from needing removal in the long run.

Many students are upset that these trees—some over 100 years old—are being



Though trees are a major part of the campus's atmosphere, some trees will be cut down this year.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

cut down. The faculty agrees, but the safety of the community comes first. Caroline Jacobs '09 said, "I think the best solution for replanting would be to purchase trees that are more developed instead of smaller, newer trees. This way, less of the aesthetic value of trees on campus will be lost."

Kerry Larsen '09, offers more advice on how to protect the remaining trees: "More students can band together and join EnAct, Muhlenberg's Environmental Action Team, to help support efforts to preserve the remaining trees on campus. If there are more participants fronting this undertaking, then there is a better chance of curbing damage to trees in the future."

Faculty members

are also realizing that the trees must come down to prevent injury. "I'm a tree hugger," Niesenbaum said. "It saddens me to see big trees go, but unfortunately this is the course of action that must be taken to ensure safety, and as part of a long term management plan to care for and actually increase the number of trees on campus."

Niesenbaum urges those concerned to support tree conservation where it is logical to do so, by donating to The Nature Conservancy, an organization that helps protect and conserve important natural areas. "If a number of us do this, we will have the opportunity to not only save trees, but ecologically important habitats as well."

The College, while sad to see these trees go, recognizes the fact that the trees are a hazard. In cutting down the trees that could potentially cause the most harm, they are protecting the College Community and making space for newer, healthier trees to grow.

Urban trees do not have the chance to mature, collapse and decay naturally as they do in forests, so it is the duty of the College to protect existing trees from decay, remove the ones that have already decayed, and plant new healthy trees after the damaged ones are removed.

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Kate Bornstein gives a unique performance to showcase her identity



Bornstein, through theatre, expresses her own identity to the audience.

By Scott Kramer
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Oct. 10, Kate Bornstein, a respected author, theorist, activist and speaker on gender issues came to the College as part of the Center for Ethics' series *The Ethics and Politics of Identity*. In her presentation, entitled "Kate Bornstein: Men, Women and the Rest of Us," Bornstein talked to a packed Empie Theater about the struggles she went through as a child trying to figure out who she really was. Although born a boy, Bornstein always felt that she was a woman inside, and this feeling stayed with her into adulthood.

"I never understood peace because I was always at war

with myself," said Bornstein. Nineteen years ago, she underwent a complicated sex change operation, which she explains was a major turning point in her life. As a transsexual, a person who was born one gender and now lives life as the opposite gender, Bornstein described how she felt like she had been born again: she loved walking down the street and showing off her new body.

"I kept telling myself that the war is over," said Bornstein. She eventually discovered that just like being a man did not work for her, being a woman didn't either, and she was faced with the conflict of having to choose between the two. She made the decision that she is neither and

has lived that way ever since.

"Why do people think it's worth all that trouble to be a man? Why do people think it's worth all that trouble to be a woman?" she asked, "I have never gone to bed one night of my life knowing I was a woman. I have never gone to bed one night of my life knowing I was a man."

PHOTO Bornstein asked students at the

College to think whether or not it is possible in today's society to be neither a man nor a woman. She explains how today people are pressured into choosing between male or female, and there is nothing in-between the two. Indeed to push this point further, Bornstein uses the "ze" pronoun while referring to herself.

"She had an interesting point of view on a controversial topic," said Becky Nitka '09. Through her readings and humorous remarks (including a demonstration of a junior high health class and a conversation she had as a phone sex operator), Bornstein explained to the audience that there is no such thing as normal and as members of society we do not have

to choose between one gender or the other.

"It was an amazing presentation that was unlike anything I have ever seen before," said Ali Rosenblum '09.

Today, at the age of 57, Bornstein has traveled to colleges and universities all around the world to tell her story and talk about issues surrounding gender identity. She is the author of many books including

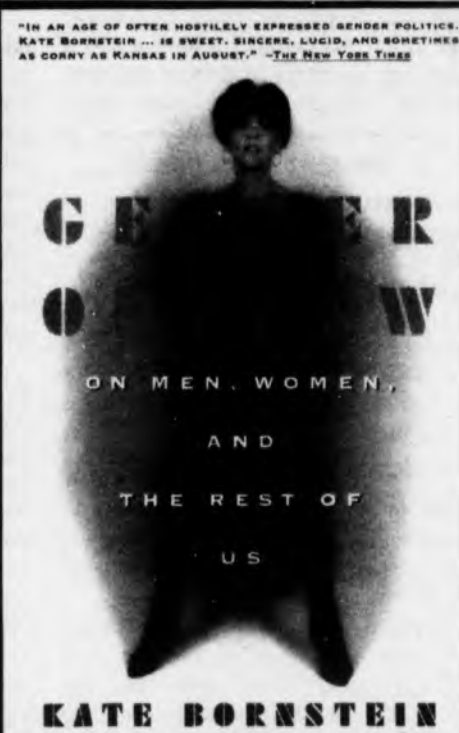
My Gender Workbook and *Gender Outlaw*.

She has also written five plays including *Two Tall Blondes in: LOVE and The Opposite Sex is Neither*. According to her website (www.katebornstein.com), her books are currently taught at over 120 colleges and universities around the world. Bornstein's presentation here at the College was thoroughly enjoyed, and many students left the auditorium amazed at the

power of her speech.

Kristin Kauffman '08 said, "Kate really provided insight into the life of a genderless individual. She had a lot of drive and spunk, and made the audience really think about the issue of gender identity."

Adam Wynn '06 added, "Kate was animated, articulate, and hilarious. I really enjoyed her performance."



Bornstein, shown here, asks students to think about their identity.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 17 - Injured Student - A student injured his right knee during football practice. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 18 - Hazing - Members of Student Council were involved in hazing which was reported to Campus Safety by an anonymous student. The issue is being investigated.

Oct. 18 - Driving Under the Influence - A student was pulled over on 23rd street and charged with Driving Under the Influence and underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 18 - Criminal Mischief - A student had his bike tire slashed. The bike was outside of Walz Hall.

Oct. 18 - Theft - At the Life Sports Center, a student took five dollars worth of food, but

did not pay. However, the student left his ID card and was identified by Campus Safety.

Oct. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - In the Martin Luther Underground, there was a broken pane of glass and a broken chair. Campus Safety is still investigating.

Oct. 19 - Vehicle Violation - In the Trexler Library parking lot, an unmarked vehicle had over \$645 worth of unpaid parking tickets.

Oct. 19 - Suspicious person - A tall male with long gray hair, wearing dark colored slacks and a green sweater with tattoos on his fingers and neck entered the Registrar's office in the Haas College Center. The person was seen going into Dean Rudy Ehrenberg's office. The man was given a letter of trespassing.

Oct. 19 - Hazing - College administrators received three complaints of hazing in Alpha Chi Omega. The matter is under investigation.

Oct. 19 - Sick student - In Martin Luther Hall, a student reported another sick student throwing up. This student had also been suffering from a sore throat and fever.

Oct. 20 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking food on the stove at 415 Leh Street.

Oct. 20 - Institutional Vandalism - Broken beds in the rear of MacGregor Village 113 and 114 was reported to Campus Safety, who took pictures.

Oct. 20 - Drug Possession - Four students in Prosser Hall were found with marijuana and

referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 21 - Fire Alarm - Due to a power outage in Haas College Center, the smoke alarm was set off.

Oct. 21 - Theft - A student's wallet, with credit cards, driver's license and Student ID was stolen. Later, the student found out that the credit card had been used.

Oct. 21 - Injured Student - A student injured his nose while playing Frisbee behind Egner Memorial Chapel. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm set off due to food on the stove at 419 Leh Street.

Oct. 22 - Underage consumption - A Resident Advisor in

Prosser Hall reported that a female student fell and cut her chin while under the influence. She was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital and referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 23 - Injured Student - A student injured her ankle in Taylor Hall and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 23 - Theft - A student left General's Quarters without paying for food but was later found because the Student's ID card was left on the counter.

Oct. 23 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm set off at 415 Leh Street due to burnt popcorn.

Oct. 24 - Lost Property - A student lost a Motorola cell phone with a black case, worth \$200. The issue is still under investigation.

Life!

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you are given a test that teaches you a lesson."

- Tom Bodett

Mark Zupan and "Murderball": Two incredible, inspiring true stories

By Jackie Starnier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Twelve years ago, Mark Zupan was thrown from the back of his best friend Chris Igoe's pick-up truck. At the time, Zupan played soccer at Florida Atlantic University and had played in a game earlier that evening. After the game, Zupan went to a local joint, Dirty Moe's, with his team and some friends.

At the the club, Zupan showed the bouncer his ID, which stated that he was under 21, but the bouncer gave him an over 21 wristband anyway. Without the wristband, Zupan would not have been able to order drinks, but he drank heavily that night and eventually passed out in the bed of Igoe's pick-up truck. As Igoe drove home that night, he lost control of his vehicle, and Zupan was thrown into a nearby water canal.

A police officer witnessed Igoe's erratic driving and arrested him for driving under the influence, but neither knew that Zupan was in the bed of the truck. For thirteen and a half hours Zupan hung onto a branch to keep from drowning. Because his neck had been partially broken, he had no control of his diaphragm and could not scream for help. By the time a worker in a nearby office building discovered Zupan, only

Zupan's eyes, nose and mouth were above water. Red ants from the tree he held onto attacked him all through the night, his body temperature dropped to 88 degrees and his pulse was barely 30.

On Wed., Oct. 19, during his visit to the College, Zupan, of the documentary *Murderball* said that if he had the chance to walk today he wouldn't. The documentary did not go into detail about the accident but focused on Zupan's life afterwards.

Quadriplegic rugby, formerly called Murderball, was developed in Canada. By the 2002 World Rugby Championship in Sweden, 12 countries sent teams. The makers of the documentary began filming at the 2002 Championships and captured a moment in history as the undefeated US team, of which Zupan was a member, lost to its rival Canada. The documentary followed the lives of the players over the next two years as they prepared to face Canada again at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens.

The directors, Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro, did not want to make a "sappy after-school special" said Zupan, but they also did not want to make a sports movie. They wanted to make a movie that answered the questions that everyone is afraid to ask, like, "Can quadriplegics have sex?" Yes, they can, and significant portions of



Mark Zupan talks to the students about his life, the trials he has overcome and the reason why he wouldn't change a thing.

PHOTO BY J.D. SINGER

Murderball and Zupan's speech were devoted to this topic. Zupan said that the first thing he learned in the hospital was how to masturbate, and Rubin and Shapiro began to refer to the eye level of quads as "ass-level view."

Zupan had to relearn how to do everything in his new body. The first two years is the hardest period of adjustment, and the documentary contrasted the lives of rugby players, who had successfully made the transition, with the struggles of Keith, a newly injured young man. Zupan visited Keith's rehabilitation facility in the film, and introduced

Keith to Quad Rugby. During his speech at the College, Zupan remembered Keith "lighting up like a Christmas tree" when he sat in Zupan's rugby chair for the first time. After *Murderball* debuted, a woman contacted Zupan and donated \$3,000 to buy Keith a chair. At the premiere of the film in New York, Zupan and other members of the US Quad Rugby Team surprised Keith with the chair.

Looking back on his life after the accident, Zupan remarked that becoming a quad was the best thing

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD BE RELATED TO SOMEONE AT MUHLENBERG, WHO WOULD IT BE?



"Winnie Sell, she's awesome."

- Jen Bielsten '06



"I would be related to President Helm because I like his crib."

- Andrew Lolley '06



"It would have to be Dean Ehrenberg because of those beautiful blue eyes."

- Anna Petrie '08



"Deb because she makes a damn good omlette."

- Geoff Zinberg '07



"Cheesesteak James because he puts a smile on people's faces one cheesesteak at a time."

- Greg Leischner '09

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Coffeehouse shakes ML

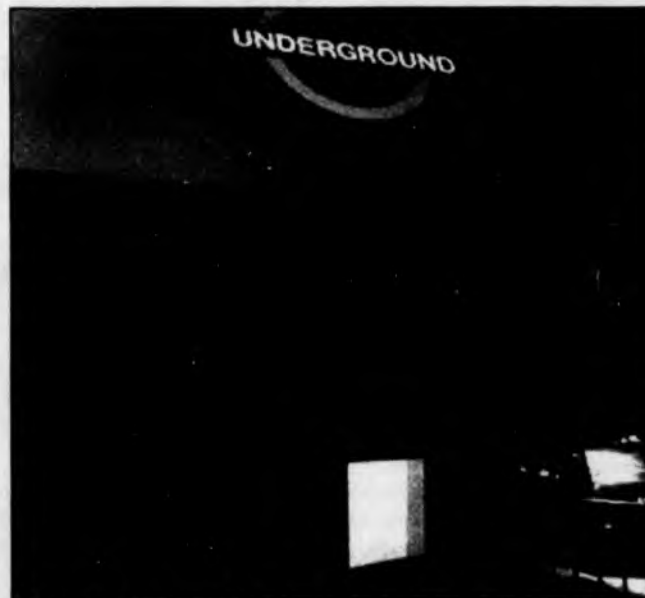
By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

The sound of music could be heard all over Martin Luther Hall. Slowly and surely people wandered into the Martin Luther Underground last Thursday night, Oct. 20, to support the performers scheduled to play for the Resident Hall Association (RHA) Coffeehouse. This event occurs on two Thursdays out of the month from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Martin Luther Underground. Besides good music, RHA provides free Dunkin' Donuts, coffee and hot chocolate for the evening. A wide variety of donuts as well as the smaller Muñchkins keep the crowd full and ready to enjoy the entertainment.

This Thursday, Jason Greenwald '06 was the opener for the Coffeehouse. His soft sound and great voice set the perfect mood for the start of the evening. Greenwald played loud enough to command everyone's attention in the room but soft enough so that it wasn't overpowering. Though he was an unexpected performer, Greenwald seemed to come with his own audience. Greenwald is a student from Tulane University but after hearing him perform, it is easy to see why he would have gained fans so quickly. Because he is only here for the rest of this semester, his future performances are limited.

Fantastapotamus, a well-known band at the College, played the second set from 10 to 11 p.m. Their acoustic performance kept the great mood going. Bringing groupies of their own, they played a nice mix of old group favorites and new songs. They mixed things up enough to get a balance between pumping the crowd up and keeping it soft enough so that people could relax and enjoy their sound.

Lead singer Jon Eddy '06 and back-up singer Michael Bogart '07 blended their voices in a nice balance with Caffery Garff '06 on guitar, Dave Cecconi '07 on guitar, and Brian Richardson '05 on bongos. They also had one or two other guest performers come up and play in a few of their songs. Their set went over so well that it went on for longer than expected. Both musicians and audience seemed to be enjoying the intimate setting.



The Underground is located in the Martin Luther basement and is the site of the RHA Coffeehouse.

"Seeing people enthusiastic about your music is definitely the most satisfying aspect about performing, particularly if it's original material," Garff commented about their set that night, but the satisfaction of a great night was felt by all.

Not to be out done was a new group made up by Rob Brennan '07 on guitar, Dan Stark '08 on guitar, Chris May '08 on base, Mike Malkowski '08 on drums and Josh Kritz '07 as the lead singer. There were also some guest performers who played with the group such as Jon Choi '07, who played one song with a violin. This new group also seemed to bring their own fans. Kritz's vocals held their own against the sound of Brennan's and Stark's guitars and even managed to hold out against the thumping of Malkowski on the drums and May on the base. They were such a hit that their set went on past midnight and left the audience on a perfect high.

Sadly, money is the issue

By Sandy Crawford
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Although we may not realize it, millions of Americans are faced with the fact that despite having a full-time job, they are still having trouble getting by from month to month. Many people work for wages of \$6 or \$7 an hour, have a couple of kids they need to feed and have rent to pay each month. Many take on multiple jobs just so they can stay afloat.

This is the situation of many people forced into the Welfare Reform program. In *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* Barbara Ehrenreich, a journalist, wanted to see if it was possible to do what many Americans were forced to do. She wanted to see if she could get a job at \$6 to \$7 an hour and see if she could make ends meet in various U.S. cities. Ehrenreich's goal was to see if the Welfare Reform program was sufficient in helping struggling women make a living.

The challenge started off in Barbara's home in Key West, Fl. In

order to be fair with this experiment, she set rules for herself. She could not use any skills that she derived from her education or line of work. She had to take the highest paying job and try to keep it. Also, she had to take the cheapest accommodations she could find, but they had to offer a comfortable privacy level and safety. She also allowed herself a car, which many families don't have.

In addition, she gave herself a false background of a divorced homemaker re-entering the work force in order to explain her unemployed background. Lastly, she gave herself money to start with and vowed that she would never allow herself to go hungry.

In Key West, she starts off as a restaurant waitress making \$2 per hour plus tips. When she realized her salary wouldn't be enough money for the apartment she was renting, she realized she needed to find another job quickly.

In Maine, she works as both a cleaning woman and nursing home aide. After paying bills, she realized she didn't have enough for food and

calls around attempting to find help.

In Minnesota, she worked in a Wal-Mart. She couldn't find an apartment, and lived week to week in a motel. Even then, she couldn't afford to live there on the wages she made.

This book was a wake-up call to me, as I didn't even know this type of living existed. There is always the thought of poverty and homelessness but many Americans seem to assume that these people are in their current situations because they are too lazy to get jobs or drink or smoke their money away. Others assume they are drug addicts but as this book helps the reader discover, this reason and countless others are not true.

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich is an eye-opening book into the world of the lower third of the country's wage earners. It is a must read, riveting in its truthful, personal account. It makes you appreciate what you have when you see what life could be like when you are without.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Doom

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Wallace & Gromit: the Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Elizabethtown

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Dreamer: Inspired by a true story

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Fog

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Legend of Zorro

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

North Country

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:00, 7:00

Saw II

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

College courting Muhlenberg style

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

You finally worked up the courage to ask out Johnny-what's-his-name or Susie-who's-its, and they said yes! Your heart swells with joy, but wait, you spent the rest of your money for the month on a case of Natty Light over the weekend. So what do you do if you are dating on a budget here at college? Dining out at a restaurant can run you about \$25-\$35, and that's if you go to TGIFridays. If you go to the movies you can plan on spending at least 20 bucks with tickets and assorted refreshments and you need a car unless you want to take the shuttle.

So here is the dilemma: you want to go on a date with someone, have lots of time to talk with them and get to know them and not spend a lot of money or worry about transportation. Well, I have generated some fun date ideas that will help you get to know the person you are taking out but will not burn a hole in your wallet.

Watch a Movie. I know watching a movie is not the newest idea, but I feel like people need to realize why it's such a great activity. First of all, it's free. If you don't have any movies, I'm sure someone down the hall has a collection of DVDs that you can borrow.

You can learn a lot about a person

by what kind of movie they want to watch. If s/he wants to watch *Billy Madison*, s/he is a classic humorist. If *Donnie Darko* is their top choice, s/he is into the supernatural, a little off-beat. However, if s/he wants to watch *American Psycho*, you might want to reschedule.

Second, watching a movie in the comfort of your dorm room can allow for valuable privacy and a comfortable setting for your date to open up to you and relax. My advice for a great movie to watch on a date is *Napoleon Dynamite*. While *Napoleon Dynamite* is an amazing movie, it has great date potential because it doesn't feature any violence or sex. *Napoleon* is sweet, innocent fun and you can impress your date with your ability to recite the entire movie.

3 a.m. Wegmans Run. Hankerin' for something to satisfy your sweet tooth? Take your sweetie to Wegmans in the middle of the night. For this date you will require a car, but if you can get your hands on one, it's worth it. Grab a kiddie cart and put your date in the front seat. Take turns pushing each other around. Be silly, relax or go nuts. Wegmans has the best candy selection in the Allentown area, and it is available at anytime of day or night.

Not into candy? Wegmans also

has an excellent dried fruit and nut section. Whatever sort of treat you are looking for, an otherwise mundane Wednesday evening spent watching TV can be made into a late-night adventure with lots of tasty candy.

Trexler Park. I realize that it is nearing the end of October and it will be getting colder out, but there is still plenty of time to enjoy a sunny afternoon in Trexler Park.

Just down Chew Street, headed away from Center City Allentown, Trexler Park provides a wonderful outdoor setting for getting to know a special someone or just hanging out.

If you and your date are feeling especially perky, you could go for an afternoon run. Afterwards, you can do an abs circuit together. Bring a football with you or some gloves and a baseball. Not into physical activity? Just go for a walk around the park, sit by the pond or stroll through the Rose Garden. Bring along a thermos of hot chocolate to share. Enjoy people and dog watching and the changing colors of the trees.

Stooges. I personally don't like bars. I think they are loud and not a place where you can really get to know someone. The one exception I have is with Stooges, down on Liberty Street. On a Saturday or

Sunday afternoon, Stooges is not nearly as packed as it is in the evenings. It's within walking distance of campus, so no car is required. You and your date can sit in a corner and share a plate of bacon wrapped scallops, or a few beers. The prices are reasonable and the food is great.

Ladies, I know on a first date there is a temptation to make it appear as though you do not eat food, but the fact is a guy doesn't want to chomp down on his burger and watch you nibble at a pack of oyster crackers. Also, salads are a not a good food for a first date. You could get lettuce stuck in your teeth, and it's not exactly the sexiest food to watch someone eat. Go with a nice chicken sandwich or a good ol' fashioned piece of beef. Guys like a girl who can eat and isn't constantly counting calories.

The best place to go for a first date or the first time you really hang out one-on-one is somewhere you both will feel comfortable. This does not mean a crowded house party with all of your friends and none of his/hers. Make sure that you are in a place where you can give your date your undivided attention and there are few distractions. A great date doesn't have to cost a lot of money, or involve driving anywhere. Creativity is the key. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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'Berg gets a cultural wake-up

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

The Trexler Pavillion's lower floor was hushed and quiet on Fri., Oct. 21st as many students, town patrons and faculty crowded into the lower dance studio to witness a night of Bharathanatyam dancing.

Ramya Ramnarayanan, choreographer, performer and teacher, studied Bharathanatyam dance under Guru Swamimali K. Rajatnam. She is the artistic director of the Nrithyanjali Institute and conducts classes in Allentown as well as Cranberry, N.J. This dance institute was founded in 1990 to provide interested people with the opportunity to learn and practice the age-old dance form of India. Sponsored by The College's Center for Ethics, Ramya and her students (The Nrithyanjali Dancers) put on a marvelous and inspiring performance.

This dance form originated over 5000 years ago in the temples of India. Spiced with Grecian, Persian and Roman influence, this tradition kept its Indian roots through its

music and dance. This dance form is fundamental to Indian culture. Long ago, dancers would perform during sacred rituals to the lords and gods and in turn, would be taken care of by those who inhabited the temple. The dancers were treated with respect and were held in high regard in Indian society. They lived a pious, chaste life, becoming "maidens of god" and focusing on the technique and composition of Bharathanatyam dance.

Today, few make this dance into a career and lifestyle. Most people who practice it learn it as a hobby and like Ramnarayanan, who is a mother, wife and employee, have many other positions in life. Ramnarayanan said having multiple roles is hard to do while trying to balance Bharathanatyam, pushing forth the fact that it is hard to complete those roles "without losing the creativity of the art form."

Bharathanatyam requires intense skill and concentration from the dancer. Through stylized hand motions, such as sharp jabs or gentle sweeps, a dancer can make emo-

tions known or indicate certain meanings. Often times she must portray many different characters in one dance. To do this, differentiations in gait, facial expression, angle of body, all must change to fit the character she is presenting. Swift foot and leg motions are also needed to pound in time to the rhythm of the music.

Many times the dancers are performing a story and the dance they are engaged in is a sort of body sign language with certain motions denoting certain things. It is a visually, interpretive dance. Their costumes are made bright, shiny colors of orange,

green, yellow, red and pink and many of the dancers' fingertips are painted red.

They wear beautiful jewelry and exaggerated makeup. Red painting, resembling tattoos, are also on their feet, with each stomp or flick of the ankle a succession of bells rings.

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One of the Bharathanatyam dancers twists herself into an intricate pose.

PHOTO BY SARAH SMITH

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

There are two types of people in the world, the Luke Skywalkers and the Han Solos. The Han Solos are a strong and prosperous bunch but rather callous sometimes. They date your sister and have a beat-up but awesome ride. The Luke Skywalkers are slightly whiny and accidentally hook up with their relatives. On the plus side, maybe you'll save the galaxy and become a knight or something. Good luck!

Taurus

Halloween is rapidly nearing and you still don't have a costume! If life were a sitcom, hijinks would ensue. Of course, life is not scripted, and thus, you will soon be forced to troll the dollar store and that creepy large Halloween outlet shop near the mall. Well, thankfully, you read your horoscope and I can tell you what you'll end up with. Let's see what it is, shall we? Wow. That's inappropriate for even the most liberal people.

Gemini

I was walking in downtown Allentown when I noticed something odd about the architecture of many of the houses: they were totally indefensible in the event of a zombie apocalypse! So, Gemini, I'm going to warn you one last time: when the dead rise, board up the windows, get to the higher stories and stockpile plenty of munitions and if at all possible, dig a shallow moat around your residence. Be smart and be safe.

Cancer

I bet you hear this a lot: Cancer?!? That's a terrible sign to be born under! You might get cancer or something like that! Well, shallow and stupid people say things like that. I mean, come on, it's just insensitive and mean. So everytime someone says something to that effect to you, punch them in the jaw. It's kind of like being an Agent of Karma. Don't wait for the universe to help you, help the universe yourself.

Leo

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, you Leo, will head the fight against this treacherous disease. You will be seen everywhere fighting the good fight: at the Seegers tables selling ribbons, in Parents' Plaza handing out fliers and yes, you will even perform a breast examination on yourself (Over your shirt of course) to show others the right way and wrong way of doing it.

Virgo

It was a great vacation from the pressures of college, wasn't it Virgo? Your mother did your laundry, you watched tons of marathons and the biggest decision you had to make was Coke or Pepsi. At home you're treated like a god, while when you're at school, books go unread and you play MarioKart until your hands cease to function. Welcome back and get the heck to work.

Libra

Libra, I don't know any Libras, so I can only go on faith and what it says in my handy dandy gazing ball as to what you're like. You're pretty, yes pretty, even if you're a guy. My advice for all male Libras this week is to simply eat obscene amounts of Ben and Jerrys, cry to some Julia Roberts' flick, and whine about never finding a significant other, ever. Same old, same old. Guys, next week will be better, I promise.

Scorpio

"Save the whales," they say to you from some table in Seegers, beseeching your aid for those mammals of the dark deep. However, recently you find yourself asking "To heck with the whales--what about me?" If everybody's so busy rescuing some krill-guzzling behemoths, then who is going to save you? Now I love the whales, you love the whales, but come on, it's time to support the most important cause in the world: yourself.

Sagittarius

You woke up with a killer hangover from last night's party, unsure which end is up and why the ceiling is spiraling to your immediate left. Remember today's the midterm in the class you've never attended and the wrongs with your significant other have yet to be amended. This might be a good time to hop in the tick tock time-machine and zap a few days back--meaning study, suffer and sympathize today away.

Capricorn

Tonight, there's a 'blood moon'. Now, that might have a negative associations with it at first glance, but...actually, it's a terrible sign. Vampires, my friend, are all over campus and, sorry to say, they want to eat you and everyone you love. Thankfully, we have a resident vampire slayer in the guise of that cute Asian lady who works in Garden Room. She'll save us from the darkness and demons. But only if you're nice to her.

Aquarius

Sometimes people work too hard to justify their existence. There is never any reason to explain yourself to others, you are as you are, as you were, as you will be. Keep that in mind, Aquarius, because this week people are going to be asking a lot of you, like where you were last Friday at six o'clock, or if you have ever been convicted of a major felony. Just turn yourself in, they know.

Pisces

You're one of the greatest individuals on campus. Everywhere you go people stop, hoping that you'll notice them. Of course, some things are not great in your life. You've had a real problem with time, recently. Things come too early or too late for your satisfaction. The best advice I can give to you, in your time of need, is to sit back and hope that something more substantial comes along.

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Around both ankles are rows upon rows of bells that jingle with every movement. The ringing coincides with the beat of the music and together they combine to create something quite unique and unlike anything else.

At every Bharathanatyam performance an alter to Shiva, Lord of Destruction, is placed in the corner. A small statue of him is placed upon it. White beaded necklaces are draped over him and lights surround the base of the alter. His

right arm holds the drum of creation symbolizing a new awakening, his left arm holds fire to indicate the destruction of the old order. His other right arm is raised in blessing and his other left arms points to his foot which is crushing the demon of ignorance, Muyalaka.

As one can see, Bharathanatyam dance is very deeply rooted in the spiritual Hindu heritage and tradition although it is not as widely practiced today as it used to be years ago, it still manages to inspire, impress and intrigue all those who see it.



All of the Bharathanatyam dancers line up to take their bows. They are students of The Nrithyanjali Insitute.

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that ever happened to him. He has accomplished more in a chair--competing in the Paralympics, reaching out to others like himself and becoming a movie star--than he believes he ever could have abled-bodied.

During the question and answer session at the end of Zupan's talk,

two members of the girls' rugby team at the College presented Zupan with a three hundred dollar check. The team raised the money through their Prom Dress Rugby event and gave it to Zupan to donate to the Quad Rugby Fund. Zupan proceeded to put the check in his own pocket, grinned and promised slyly that it would get to the right people.

Recipes

Halloween Ice Cream Pumpkins

This is a simple dessert for the Halloween season, it's easy to make and doesn't take very long to prepare. Enjoy!

- Oranges for the number of "pumpkins" you plan on making
- 1 toothpick for every pumpkin
- 1 sharp knife
- 1 spoon
- 1 bag of gum drops
- Ice cream

* food coloring can be used to change ice cream color

First you want to take the oranges and cut off a small section on one side. This is going to be your top. Then take your spoon and scoop out the inside of the orange. It may help to chill the oranges a bit so that they are easy to work with. Then after it's scooped out, take your knife and cut out a design on one side of the orange. Then fill the oranges with ice cream. Any kind of ice cream can be used here depending on what you like and the food coloring can be used to change the color. Make sure the ice cream is fairly frozen so that it doesn't leak out the holes in the oranges! Take the tops of the oranges that you cut off earlier and use the gum drops and the toothpicks to put a "stem" on them. Then put the tops back on. Freeze and enjoy!

All-around athlete and competitor

Mule Profile--Karen Mount

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A three season athlete, Senior Karen Mount looks to finish her final cross country season on a strong note. With two meets left, the Centennial Conference Championships on Oct. 29th and the NCAA Mideast Regionals on Nov. 12th, Mount hopes to place in the top seven in the Conference in the 6K, which would earn her All-Conference recognition.

She also has high hopes for the whole squad: "We have the potential to come in the top three which would be exciting because we haven't placed that well in the Conference in a long time."

Mount has had a successful 2005 season so far. On Sept. 2nd, the date of the first meet of the season, she notched the highest individual finish for a Mule female at the Lehigh Valley meet. Mount beat her 2003 finish by one place by finishing sixth. The team also did well, finishing fourth behind only DI and DII competitors.

In the Mule/Falcon Classic, Mount won the gold medal, finishing 64 seconds ahead of the second place runner. This win marked her first ever career win in cross country and helped the women's team win its third title since 2001.

At the Dickinson Invitational, the site of the NCAA Mideast regional, Mount finished eighth and the women's team finished 11th out of 36 teams. She

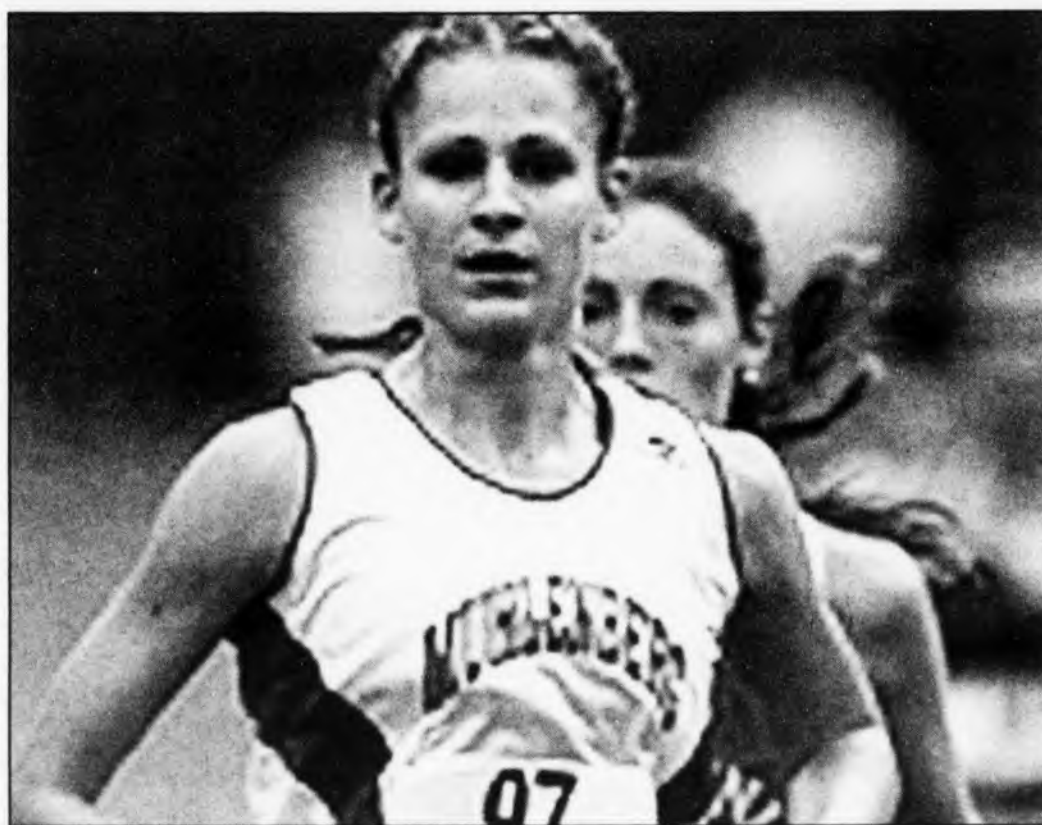
improved on that finish Oct. 7th in Baltimore, Md., the site of the CC Championships, with most of the Conference teams present. She finished third overall, behind two DI runners from Towson, and was the top CC finisher.

Mount's last meet was her second gold medal of the season; she finished first out of 245 runners at the DeSales Invitational and hopes that momentum will carry her to a strong finish in the Centennial Conference Championship meet.

The success Mount has encountered this season is a result of years of hard work. She played soccer at North Andover High School in Andover, Mass. throughout her junior year but switched to cross country as a senior in hopes of helping her track season.

She ran indoor and outdoor track all four years, earning 11 varsity letters throughout her career and the honor of being captain in both indoor and outdoor her senior year. The Class C state champion in the 1000m, she also won her high school's Student Athlete Citizen Award, which recognizes excellence in athletics, academics and community service.

Upon arriving at the College, Mount has evolved into a more versatile runner. "As a freshman, I started out strong and had a good season. I was second team All-Conference and All-Region. Since then I've been somewhat inconsistent but this year is the most consistent



Senior Karen Mount led the Cross Country team this year through her first place finish in the Mule/Falcon Classic.

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year I've had since then and I'm really happy about that."

Freshman year she placed tenth in the Conference Championship and 25th at regionals. As a sophomore she improved her regional ranking to 17th and earned All-Recognition. Junior year, she was a member of the Mule squad that earned their second-best finish ever at the NCAA Mideast Regional and that notched their highest finish ever in the CC Championships, fourth.

After the 2005 CC Championships and Regionals, Mount has both

the indoor and outdoor track seasons to look forward to, where she runs the 1500m, 800m and 4x4 relay. As a junior, she won five silver medals between the two seasons at the CC Championship meet and she is a captain of both sports.

Mount is involved in other activities at the College besides cross country and track, including the Muhlenberg College Republicans and Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Upon completion of her senior year, the Political Science major hopes to become involved in either event planning or campaign management.

In her last season of cross country, Mount says she'll miss being with the team, as "It's hard to run and stay motivated without your teammates around you." Leaving a young but talented team of mostly underclassmen, she hopes they can learn something from her experiences.

"The best advice I can give to the team is to continue to work hard because it really does pay off in the end. The more experienced you are the better suited you are for competition. It's not always the fastest runner who wins, it's the most experienced."

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ers Amari, Sophomore Maura Hendsey and Freshmen Heather Scudellari have been playing together all season. Their skills and communication were proven to be effective as they fended off the Diplomats for an intense 80 minutes. It wasn't until late in the second half that a goal slipped by goalie Kayla Boisvert. Unfortunately, the goal from Franklin and Marshall was the only one in the game. The College fell to Franklin and Marshall 1-0.

On Oct. 16, the Mules played their postponed game against Gettysburg College. The College's home field was unusable due to all the rain, so the game was relocated at Emmaus High School's soccer field. Gettysburg first scored two minutes in the second half of the game. Burritt took the first goal for the Mules with an assist from Junior Maria Tranguch. This counts for Burritt's second goal of the season, both within one week.

Only 20 seconds after Burritt's goal, the Bullets fired a shot in the back of the net. This goal brought the score to 2-1 with about 20 minutes left of the game.

Amari was moved from her usual defense position to a forward while the score was still at 2-1 Gettysburg. With her tremendous foot-skills, the coach hoped this change would allow them another goal. Fortunately, Amari was soon able to cross over to Dello Russo with 15 minutes left. Dello Russo's rebound into the net counted as another point for the Mules.

With just a little over eight minutes left on the clock, the Mules let a goal slip by for the Bullets. This game ended with a 3-2 win for Gettysburg. Despite the cold weather and their loss, the Mules played well together and their cooperation was obvious.

The Mules dominated their next home game against Dickinson College on Wed. Oct. 19. Their intensity was consistent throughout the entire game. The Mules were stepping up to the ball strongly and winning most of the confrontations with Gettysburg.

After the first half ended, the score was still left at 0-0. Dello Russo was first to score early in the second half. She was assisted by both Amari and Tranguch. This was the only goal the College scored for the game. The Red Devils put two balls in the net, leav-

ing the final score at 2-1 Dickinson win.

Hendsey had an incredibly strong game on Wednesday. She played adamantly and gave great support to the midfielders, especially Cioeta. Hendsey had many accurate passes which set Cioeta up for a shot on goal. The two girls connected well during the game.

The most recent game played by the Mules was away at Washington College Shorewomen. The Mules led shots on goal over Washington, 19-4, and left the Shorewomen with a 1-0 defeat.

Boisvert was injured in the second half with only 30 minutes left of the game. She suffered severe pain in her shin and was taken to a local hospital. This brought back-up goalie Henley into the game. Henley had two amazing saves



A scramble in front of the goal leads to scoring for the new and improved Mules.

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while in goal, which led the Mules to a victorious shut out over the Shorewomen. The College's only goal was scored by Amari when she took a direct kick, sending it right into the net.

This win for the Mules now brings their Centennial Conference record to 3-5-1. The Mules' overall record is 4-8-2. Their final season game will be played this Sat. Oct. 29th (Family Weekend) at 4:00 pm. at the College.

Mules are .500 in last four games

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The past two weeks haven't proven to be very successful for the men's soccer team. However, they have proved to be consistent. Since their win against Johns Hopkins University on Sept. 17th, the Mules have alternated wins and

losses. The last four games started out with a win at Drew University, ending their non-Conference schedule for the year. The Mules came away with a 1-0 win with a goal from Sophomore Karim Assous. In almost two seasons at the College, Assous has collected 19 points on four goals and 11 assists. Senior co-Captain

Jose Ramirez had the assist, leading the team with four on the season.

As the campus cleared out for Fall Break, the Mules stayed and traveled to Dickinson College on Oct. 11th. With their 6-0 weekend record on the line, the Mules did not come away with a victory as they lost 3-1. The Dickinson Red Devils scored once early in the game and again before halftime. Midway through the second half, Senior co-Captain Adam Milberg scored off of a penalty kick to cut the lead in half. However, they could not score again and lost for the first time against Dickinson since 1999. The three goals scored were the only goals allowed to Dickinson since that time as well.

The next game they played was a make-up game from the rainy Homecoming Weekend two weeks earlier. Instead of a Saturday night kickoff in front of crowd expected to be large,

they played on a Wednesday afternoon with relatively empty stands. However, change proved to be a good thing, as the Mules won 1-0. In addition to the change of date, the Mules had some changes to their lineup. Senior Joseph Benner started for the first time since the first game of the season and Freshman Brendan Carroll started the first game of his career for the Mules. The changes proved to be successful as both contributed to the lone score of the game.

Ten minutes into the second half, Benner brought the ball into the box, where Carroll ran over it, allowing Senior Chris King to collect the ball in excellent position. King deposited the ball inside the far post for his Conference-leading eighth goal of the season. It was just the sixth goal allowed by Swarthmore all year. The defense made the goal stand as the Garnets didn't get another shot.

At Gettysburg on Saturday, the Mules continued their trend of alternating wins and losses as they lost to the Bullets in double overtime, 2-1. In the middle

of the first half, Milberg put the men ahead, scoring off a corner kick.

However, the Mules did not score again, and the Bullets tied the score early in the second half. The game lasted 108 minutes as Gettysburg scored with just over a minute to play in the second overtime period.

Concerning the last ten games, Ramirez said, "We haven't been taking advantage of our offensive opportunities. When we're in the offensive end of the field, we're not capitalizing. We're a very talented team, we're losing to teams we shouldn't be losing to. It's unfortunate and it's hurting us."

The Mules are now tied for fourth place in the Centennial Conference with two other teams, Franklin and Marshall College and Dickinson College, they have beaten both teams. Their only chance to make playoffs now may have to count on another win or loss in the Conference as the Mules' remaining games are against teams placed below them and, consequently, not able to improve the Mules' standing.



Sophomore Goalie Peter Bennett makes a jumping save to keep the Mules in the game.

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A hat trick of losses fuels fire



Senior Steph Light charges down the field leaving opponent in the dust.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The past three weeks have proven challenging for the Mules as they lost three games. Their first defeat came during an away game on Oct. 11th when they fell 3-0 to Gettysburg College, who was ranked 17th in the nation. The Mules made a grand total of 14 saves, including a defensive save by Junior Kate Moyer.

The Mules' next loss was on home turf when Ursinus College, ranked second in Division III, defeated the Mules 3-0.

With this win, Ursinus is now undefeated in their last 27 regular season Centennial Conference games. This was the first home turf loss for the Mules in seven games this season.

"It was really disappointing to lose our home game. However, we do respect Ursinus as a team and we played to the best of our ability against them. These last three losses were definitely tough to swallow but we know that we want to finish the

season off strongly," said Senior Adrienne Verbich.

The Mules' final loss came last Saturday when they fell in a close match to Swarthmore College. The Mules lost 2-1 in double overtime. Swarthmore was the first to score during this match, but the Mules tied the score 1-1 with a goal by Sophomore Kelly Shetron in the second half. During the first overtime, the Mules dominated Swarthmore with a total of six shots on goal.

Moyer recorded two defensive saves during the routine seven-on-seven game formation in overtime. Swarthmore scored on a two-on-one breakaway six minutes into the second overtime to deal the College a tough 2-1 loss.

"As a senior I took these last three losses to heart, but we have faith that we will finish strong as a team," said Senior Steph Light.

The Mules next game is home and it is the final game of their regular season. The game is at 1 p.m. versus Washington College.

FIELD HOCKEY

Mules bounce back after Texas

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After dropping three games in a row in Texas, the Mules came back to Memorial Hall looking for a win. It was only their second time playing at home in four weeks and the home court advantage helped.

The team took on Ursinus College, which had a record of 4-16 overall and 0-7 in the Centennial Conference, coming into the game last Wednesday. The Mules won in three sets (30-22, 30-19, and 30-18).

Serving was key to the Mules' success. Senior Mary Henning and Senior Jen Weist both had four aces apiece, while Sophomore Megan Young added three aces. In total, they served 13 aces as a team. The Mules are now leading the Centennial Conference in aces per game with 2.9.

Senior Julie Lauro had her 14th double-double of the year with 17 kills and 16 digs. Sophomore Jess Anselmi contributed nine kills as well.

On Saturday, the Mules traveled to Swarthmore College for a Centennial Conference match that was a battle for the last playoff spot. They also played against Vassar College. The girls did not gain a win.

Against Swarthmore College, the team combined for 16 errors and lost the game in three sets (30-26, 30-21, 30-19). Lauro had a strong defensive game with 15 kills and three blocks. Henning had 13 digs while dishing out 23 assists.

After a tough loss, they tried to recuperate to try and pull out a defeat over Vassar College. However, Vassar gained the win in four sets. (26-30, 30-25, 30-23, 30-18) Lauro contributed another 15 kills. Henning had another good game with 12 digs and 25 assists. Young also made some solid contributions with ten digs and three aces.

The Mules dropped their record to 11-15 overall and 3-5 in the Centennial Conference. Their last game will be held this Saturday versus Washington at 7:00 p.m.

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Douglass scored his sixth season touchdown of the season off a pass from Johnson. Sophomore Jordan Grube put three points on the board with a 20-yard field goal in the third quarter. Johns Hopkins was behind 10-3 until the fourth quarter. However, the fourth quarter allowed a Hopkins touchdown and a chance for them to use their kicker for a 42-yard field goal. The College contributed to their loss with

97 yards lost to eight penalties.

"Coming off two huge wins in terrible weather, rain or shine we knew that we had to bring our A-game to play Hopkins, especially since we all knew that this game had Centennial Conference Championship ramifications," said Johnson. "Our offense drove on the number ten-ranked defense in the nation and our defense was stopping them all game long, but, in the end, penalties and mental mistakes was what did us in. We beat ourselves this weekend."



Sophomore quarterback Matt Johnson makes a pass despite blinding rain.

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Mules almost outlast weather

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College shined despite the rainy conditions of Homecoming Weekend. The Mules broke their three-game losing streak, defeating Dickinson College on Oct. 8th. The final score was an impressive 20-2. Sophomore Matt Johnson made his first career start as quarterback and stepped up to the position with a long pass to Senior Kyle Douglass, who then ran 71 yards for a touchdown. The second quarter gave way to another touchdown for the Mules. Senior linebacker Dan McCall grabbed Dickinson's fumbled ball and ran 55 yards, stopping only in the endzone. The third touchdown was scored in the last quarter by Freshman John DeLuca, but went without an extra point.

On Oct. 15th, the Mules showed promise as they won their second game in two weeks. The Mules came out on top, defeating Ursinus College 21-14. Down 7-0 for the first two quarters, the Mules came back kicking after the half. Johnson threw two passes for two touchdowns in the third quarter. Junior Stephen Montalto

scored the first touchdown of the game. Eleven minutes later, Douglass scored, putting the College ahead, 14-7.

With just four minutes left, the game was tied at 14. Junior Ryan Sassaman faked a punt and passed to Sophomore Ryan Merrill, who ran 74 yards for the winning touchdown.

"We practice the fake punt every week. The coaches made a good call and put us in the position to make a play.

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It felt good to throw the pass and make a big play to help the team win. Merrill made a great catch, made one guy miss and it was off to the races," said Sassaman, who originally came to the College as a quarterback.

The game proved to be the confidence booster the offense needed. There was not one Mule turnover for the first time all season.

This past cold and wet Saturday, the Mules fell in a pivotal Centennial Conference game against Johns Hopkins University. Battling one of the best defenses around, the offense put up a fight.

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Sophomore kicker Jordan Grube punts the ball during a rainy Homecoming game.

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New style proves success, sparks wins



The Mules use set passes to move the ball down the field.

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By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules had an exciting last two weeks with five close games.

The women's soccer team started out on Wed. Oct. 5th, with a game against Bryn Mawr College. The game began with Sophomore Alissa Constantinople injuring herself during warm-ups. Constantinople has been coping with a leg injury for the past few weeks and went down on Wednesday due to torn ligaments in her ankle.

Even though the team lost a player, their performance was enough for the win. Throughout this game the midfielders concentrated hard on the new plays that the coaches had recently been stressing. "The plan is to go in with powerful midfield players to help support and assist the front line," said Senior Katie Amari.

Bryn Mawr had the first goal of the game, scoring within three minutes of the first half.

However, the Mules fought back with a total 19 shots on goal.

Junior Elana Rabinowitz had the first goal for the Mules about midway through the first period with an assist from defensive player, Freshmen Heather Scudellari. Rabinowitz was a key player throughout this game, as she went on to have the assist to Burritt on the third and final goal for the Mules.

The Owls only had a total of five shots on goal. Sophomore Sara Gearin scored the second goal for the Mules during the first half with an assist from Sophomore Megan Francis. The final score for the match against Bryn Mawr was 3-1, with a Mules' win. This was the third win of the season for the Mules. After their bye on Homecoming Weekend, the Mules played F&M College on Oct. 11th.

The defense during this grueling away game played a crucial role. Defensive play-

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

**GHOST
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TO HAUNT OR NOT TO HAUNT: THE ROLE OF GHOSTS IN LITERATURE

By Alec Marsh, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English

"What art thou who usurp'st this time of night?"

"What art thou?" says Horatio to Hamlet's ghost—not *who*. Though he recognizes that the ghost has taken that "fair and warlike form" of the late King of Denmark, he does not assume the ghost is actually the king himself. When ghosts appear, in life or conversation, our first question is usually "Is it real?" I've never seen a ghost, but I've talked to many who believe they have, including several professional philosophers.

Nonetheless, I was surprised to learn that a ghost has been reported on the Muhlenberg campus—something to do with the house that long stood where the Trexler Pavilion now stands, something to do with roses, with promises not kept. Perhaps asking if ghosts are real is the wrong question. Perhaps we should ask "why do they appear?" Or even, "What do they want?"—for ghosts always want something; the Ghost in *Hamlet* will demand that his son "Revenge his foul and most unnatural murder."

The less frightening but still impressive ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future, in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* want Scrooge to amend his miserly ways. History, too, has its ghosts—when Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels invoke "the specter haunting Europe"—they mean the oppressed, disenfranchised proletariat. The Ghost Dance of the Plains Indians was an attempt to recover their shattered way of life by creating a ghostly reality of what once had been. If ghosts want something from us, what they probably want is justice. Historical Ghosts

are unquiet spirits, the dead walking, the "per-turbed spirits" of the injured, the murdered, the dispossessed. They walk out of our bad conscience with their fearful summonses, demanding that we change our life. They are said to haunt places where suicides, massacres and atrocities have been perpetrated. Even a person as unperceptive as I am can feel that the Gettysburg battlefield is haunted ground, even if I don't hear gunshots, bugles and the cries of the wounded and dying as friends of mine have.

In the accounts I've heard, these unquiet messengers we call ghosts do not speak. Specters walk portentously or sit silently, waiting to be understood, apparently unable to speak because the one person to whom it might have spoken has missed the rendezvous. They wait sadly, patiently, helplessly—perhaps forever—haunting a room until the right person shows up.

In the accounts I've heard, the ghost has always been a stranger to the person experiencing it—thus there can be no bad conscience involved as with historical ghosts or as with bloody Banquo appearing to Macbeth. One friend of mine, a hard-headed man with a Ph.D. in Business from Harvard, encountered the silent ghost of an old woman he had never seen at his remote campsite in Maine. She was there and then she was not; she did not answer when spoken to.

Speaking ghosts seem to be a convention of ghost stories, not the actual experience. Still, psychic researchers and curious literati like W.B. Yeats and Thomas Mann attended séances in which ghosts were summoned by a medium—Mann fictionalized his account at the end of *The Magic Mountain*, but his journals recall an experience he took to be as real as...well...real

life." The poet H.D., born and buried in Bethlehem, Pa., regularly communicated with spirits. Even several philosophers I once met at a conference told me as children they had been afflicted by ghosts—and that was why they became philosophers! I was stunned! As the poetry guy, I've become used to visionary evocations of ghosts, the language of the occult and invisible reality, I thought philosophers were ghost-busters—but perhaps they are only whistling in the dark. Could it be that even philosophy is haunted?

My new philosophical friends agreed that children, women and folks of Celtic descent were most likely to see ghosts, probably because most of us are socialized not to see them because we're told they don't exist. Traditional Celtic culture is permeated by the unseen—I note that my friend who saw the ghost in Maine was named Jones, a Welsh name.

Generally, the philosophers said, if you politely ask a stranger ghost to leave you alone it will—but be sure that is what you want, because it won't return. Drinking alcohol and eating meat and otherwise coarsening the senses will also make it hard to see ghosts, they told me, but philosophy, I guess, will not. As Hamlet said "There is more things in heaven and earth, Horatio/ Than is dreamt of in your Philosophy."

Perhaps that is one meaning behind the famous end of Ludwig Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*. There he tells us that the philosophical project he has just completed is "senseless" and that his ultra-logical propositions can only be understood as a kind of ladder, which once used, must be thrown away. The really important stuff is that whereof we cannot speak. Like ghosts.

Spirituality and Spirits: Finding Ghosts in Scripture

By Peter Bredlau
College Chaplain

I can't speak for all religious people, or all Christians or even all Lutherans about ghosts, but I'll do my best to be interesting. Up to about 30 years ago, Christians referred to the third person of the Trinity as the 'Holy Ghost,' so the notion of a ghost is neither anathema to religion or necessarily scary. One of the last promises of Jesus included sending an "advocate"—"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:26-27, New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)). This ghost is not meant to be frightening, but rather a comforter, a helper, a teacher and a friend. Christians still believe that it is this "Holy Ghost" who inspires and strengthens for everything from prayer to Bible reading to living one's faith in service to humanity.

Today, Christians use the word "spirit" rather than "ghost," but the meaning is the same. Christians do not tend to fear spirits. We believe that people are, at least in part, spiritual beings, and that spirit transcends this physical existence. Another biblical example of Christians' comfort with the spiritual realm comes from these words—"Therefore, since we are surround-

ed by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1, NRSV). We believe that spirits surround us and that those spirits are not to be feared.

Beyond this, people disagree as to the existence, benevolence and ability of ghosts to contact the knowable world. Some are strongly convinced of the existence of evil spirits, bent on causing at least spiritual harm, at most physical and emotional harm, on those who aren't diligently religious in their belief and practice. Some religious traditions maintain liturgies of exorcism, which are used very sparingly, for cases that cannot be explained with any other knowledge. Some are also convinced that spirits contact this realm from beyond the grave. While many have anecdotal evidence of this contact, there is little credible scientific evidence of the ability of spirits to interact with those in this life. I'm a strong believer in the tenets of science, but I'm also a strong believer in my faith, tradition and my own experience.

That being said, I've often wondered what to make of this experience. Early in our marriage, Joanna and I awoke in the middle of a night and noticed two figures standing near the door to our bedroom.

We silently watched for a moment and then the figures disappeared. We discussed the vision, agreed that we had each seen the same thing, and concluded that this was something we could not explain within the limits of our

own knowledge. I'm willing to admit that science may have an explanation for our experience that night, or maybe not. If science can't explain that night, it doesn't necessarily mean that ghosts exist and contact people as we may not yet have the knowledge to scientifically explain such phenomena. Perhaps, however, we saw ghosts. I don't think we'll ever know.

What I do know is that I have heard the stories of many people, including students on our campus, who have been convinced that they have experienced a visit from a ghost. These people have not been fools, religious zealots or those who dismiss science. They, like me, had experiences that they could not explain and were looking for ways to make meaning of those experiences. Sometimes religion helps that process, sometimes religion does not. I could not tell them that they saw a ghost, nor could I tell them that they didn't.

My faith tells me that this world contains many, many mysteries. Science may explain some of those mysteries one day. Until then, I'll believe that some people have experiences that they cannot explain, experiences that our larger culture struggles to explain, and experiences that seem as real as sitting in class or having a conversation with a friend. Maybe ghosts are real, maybe not, but I do believe that we are more than flesh and that spirit exists beyond what we can experience with our five senses. If, when I die, I discover that ghosts are real, I'll be sure to let you know, unless Houdini beats me to it.

South Ghost: the story behind the story

By Sarah Smith
Life! Editor

Every campus has its ghosts. Gettysburg College is overflowing with specters of war heroes and fallen soldiers, a male poltergeist haunts Lehigh University's library and at Yale University a ghostly organist plays in Woolsey Hall. The College can also brag of otherworldly spirits. One in particular is Oscar Bernheim, the former treasurer of the College and an avid gardener with a love of roses.

As the story goes, Bernheim resided in a house on the south side of Chew Street and had a beautiful rose garden. Upon his death, he bequeathed the house and lands to the College on the promise that his garden would continue to be tended after his death.

Years went by and the Bernheim house became a special interest building for theatre students. Eventually, the College forgot about the promise or chose not to adhere to it. They bulldozed the house and garden to make room for two new suite-style dormitories.

In Jan. 2002, South Hall opened to students. It was at that point that strange things began to happen: television's turning on and off, strange noises coming from mysterious sources, objects being moved from their original places. One room in particular seemed to get extra attention from the suspected ghost.

A suite of four women repeatedly went to their Resident Advisor with complaints of objects being moved from one place to another. The odd occurrences grew to such an extent that three of the four women (one girl never had any experiences with the ghost) went to the Office of Residential Services to find out if there was anything that they could do to help.

Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Housing Services, talked with religious authorities and Chaplain Bredlau to try and find out if there was anything they could do to remedy the situation. Bova said, "We took action to make the students feel as comfortable as possible." He

conferred with the Chaplain over the possibility of performing some kind of exorcism or purification of the suite. Though one might think the College would scoff at ghost stories, they, in fact, took it quite seriously.

Meanwhile, the three women also approached Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. During a meeting in his office, one woman saw an old photo of Oscar Bernheim on the wall. She said she had seen the man before and believed it to be the ghost she saw in her south suite. The three women decided to do their own research rather than rely on the College for intervention. They discovered the forgotten promise the College had made to Bernheim about preserving the state of his rose garden and house. They also noticed that the one woman in their suite who was not haunted by Bernheim had a rose-printed comforter on her bed.

The three women decided to take a chance and decorate their rooms with roses as well. From that point on, they had no more trouble with the suspected ghost of Oscar Bernheim. Over the years, random reports have come in about strange happenings in South but nothing as serious or persistent as that of the three girls has ever occurred since.

President Randy Helm appreciates this story for its spooky entertainment value, but finds factual fault in its retelling. According to him, the house Bernheim occupied rested where Trexler Pavilion now sits, not South. Therefore, the Bernheim ghost should be more of a "phantom of the opera" than anything else.

He says "The College is far from needing the Ghost Busters and as for the President's House and Haas, I haven't seen any ghosts or monsters yet." On the other hand, Bova believes that "the human mind is a very powerful thing." Often stories get exaggerated after each reiteration and it is more than common for people to get spooked into seeing things that really aren't there.

Therefore, students at the College, believe what you will. If you are a lover and believer of

Oscar "Bernie" Bernheim: Man Behind the Myth



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When Mr. Bernheim came to the College in 1907, he was employed as the College's treasurer. He can be described as a virtual jack of all trades. In his 39 years at the College he was employed as the Treasurer, the Bursar, the Registrar, the College Bookkeeper, the head of Athletics and the Superintendent of Grounds. During his tenure he was extremely judicious, preferring to accomplish tasks in the most fiscally responsible manner.

by Aaron Solomon

spirits and white orbs, walk the halls of South in search of Bernheim. For you skeptics, those noises you hear are merely creaks from the cooling vents and the settling of the building's foundation. All in all though, it doesn't hurt to have a few roses out just in case.



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The Myth of the Brown Ghost

These are two popular myths which surround the alleged existence of a ghost in the Brown Hall:

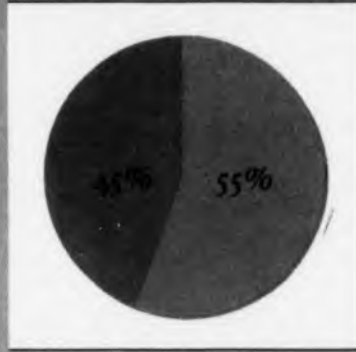
- Before Brown was a part of the College, the building was a prep school. During that time, a student allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in the attic. Since then, the ghost of this student has been rumored to haunt the dorm.
- The second story behind the Brown ghost also dates back to Brown's pre-Muhlenberg days. This story alleges that a young girl fell down the service elevator shaft in the dormitory. Such an elevator shaft does exist. While it is now closed off, the top of the shaft is still visible in the Brown attic.

by Aaron Solomon

If you see a ghost, you must be seeing things

Weekly Ghost Survey

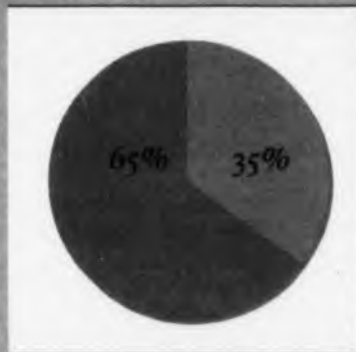
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YES: ☐

NO: ☐

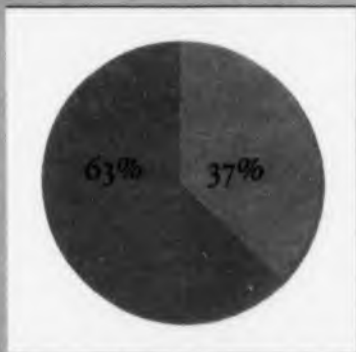
2. Do you think places on campus are haunted?



YES: ☐

NO: ☐

3. Would a haunted building affect your living choices?



YES: ☐

NO: ☐

Survey of 83 students: 28 men, 55 women

By Jeff Rudski, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology

I do not believe in ghosts. Rationally, the notion of a disembodied spirit flies (or hovers) in the face of the scientific materialism I use to navigate the world. Still, when I watch *Ghostbusters*, the hairs on the back of my neck stand up when the stone gargoyles' grey eyes turn to red; scarier movies evoke stronger reactions from me. How can that be, when logically I find the notion ridiculous?

My thoughts and feelings can be understood by considering the functions and *modus operandi* of the mind; it did not evolve to be rational, but to help us survive. We can be rational, carefully weighing objective evidence and reaching logical conclusions.

However, if each and every decision were to require a thorough vetting of reason, we'd often be paralyzed with inaction or would be easy prey for a hungry saber-tooth tiger. Consequently, much of our thinking involves heuristics—rules of thumb that circumvent effortful deliberation. This mode of thinking is regularly utilized as thorough examination of many situations is impractical, if not impossible.

Because this system operates independently from purely rational thought, it is prone to producing illusions, albeit illusions accompanied by subjectively real experiences.

However, we should consider our senses with some skepticism. Who among us hasn't thought we heard the phone ring when in fact it hadn't? Indeed, there are multiple types of illusions, including those of movement (e.g., feeling like you are moving when a bus pulls out next to you) and memory (e.g., eyewitness testimony is frequently inaccurate).

Moreover, our initial beliefs influence thoughts and perceptions. For instance, two people may watch an identical debate and come away with conflicting opinions of who won. Believing becomes seeing. Now, back to ghosts. Fact: There has yet to be a ghost sighting meeting scientific standards of verification, so belief in ghosts cannot be considered thoroughly rational. Fact: Many people believe in ghosts, based on personal experiences or acceptance of the accounts of trusted others. But remember: **(1) Perceptions and thoughts are often mistaken.**

Most, although not all, ghost-sightings take place under less than optimal lighting conditions, when people are fatigued, just waking up, pharmacologically altered, or when people are alone—all circumstances prone to producing illusions (this does not rule out group sightings but scientific evidence on the illusions of group contagion can easily account for this phenomenon as well).

(2) Personal beliefs often shape perception. My own research shows that the likelihood of seeing a ghost on campus is increased in students who come from hometowns with histories of ghost sightings or who have friends who also believe in ghosts.

(3) The mind is constantly trying to impose order, be it in what it perceives or in the understanding of cause-effect relationships.

When presented with ambiguous information, we massage it to fit already existing concepts. Thus, we are apt to see faces in the moon or in knots in trees, and we "feel" like there is something out there watching us.

When something goes bump in the night, we look for a force propelling it. If something is in a different location from where we remember it, we try to figure out how it moved. If we ignore our imperfect memories and errors of percep-

tion, it is easy to see how somebody might ascribe something to an unseen force or a ghost. People should heed the admonition "Don't believe everything you think".

The belief in ghosts is also quite comforting. This may seem paradoxical, since our culture usually portrays ghosts as malevolent (this isn't a universal characterization).

However, the existence of ghosts means that the condition of death isn't terminal—a notion many find much more comforting than eternal oblivion.

Finally, while scientific materialists are often perplexed as to how seemingly intelligent people eschew the objective evidence regarding ghosts, they forget that most people are quite comfortable occasionally shelving reason. After all, most people believe they possess a soul. This sense is not based on reason, but personal experience, emotion and faith. And if souls are usually conceived of as immaterial, why should they be tied to our physical bodies? Is this belief rational? Absolutely not. Is it believed to be real? Absolutely (at least to some people).

The belief in ghosts is, at least in most people, mediated by the latter way of thinking. Indeed, three years ago, when some students in South Hall approached me to discuss their ghost-sighting, they started off with "I know this is silly and it doesn't make sense, but we saw a ghost and are afraid to be alone in our room". They knew their belief wasn't rational, but their belief in their experience was real, as was their emotional reaction. Now, notice that I'm not saying that these students saw an actual ghost—just that their beliefs were real.



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The College hosts Mayoral Debate

By Sara Horowitz
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On Tues., Nov. 1, the College hosted the Allentown Mayoral Debate in Empie Theater. The debate was sponsored by the College, WLVT PBS 39, Service Electric and *The Morning Call* and broadcast live on PBS. The moderator of the event was President

Randy Helm, while the panelist consisted of Scott Krauss, a reporter from *The Morning Call*, and Amy Burkett, Senior Vice President of PBS 39.

The two candidates of Tuesday night's debate were Democrat Ed Pawlowski and Republican William L. Heydt.

Considering how much of an influence the College

made in past local elections, it is no surprise that the debates would be held here. Helm recognized that "80 percent [of] students volunteer in the city of Allentown" and just last year contributed "over 50,000 hours of work."

At the debate, Helm started off by announcing the elected mayor's biggest problem would be the budget deficit and the record number of homicides. He said, "the city is still in search of a comeback." Chris Tarassoff '06, President of the College Republicans, said the students of the College are "Allentown residents for four years" and these issues "affect everyone."

One issue that students can relate to is the crime that not only takes place around campus but also in the greater Allentown area. The panelists asked Heydt and Pawlowski about the crime, violence and drugs that seem to be prevalent in Allentown. Heydt responded



Republican nominee for mayor, William L. Heydt takes time to pose for a picture after the debate.

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ed that he wanted to bring back "quality of life programs and put them back in place." Pawlowski responded that under Heydt, "the highest rate of crime in Allentown" existed.

Pawlowski and Heydt were also questioned on issues ranging from the budget to audits to real estate. When asked what the first thing the candidate

would do if elected mayor, Pawlowski said he would "get quality people on the cabinet" and "attack the budget situation." Heydt said he would do "what was best for all the tax payers in Allentown."

Throughout the debate, Pawlowski kept reiterating

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Ed Pawlowski takes time to talk with members of the community and pose for pictures after the debate.

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The College gears up for reaccreditation review

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's Middle States Reaffirmation of Accreditation Steering Committee and Task Forces recently released its Middle States Self-Study Accreditation Report to the College Community for review.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, a division of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, is an association devoted to the improvement of higher education through peer-evaluation and assessment. The Commission accredits institutions of higher edu-

cation through an assessment of the institution's missions, goals and other information prepared for review. The overall goal of the Commission is to strengthen and sustain the quality of higher education through the assessment of the programs of member institutions.

The Commission has a series of accreditation standards that the institutions must meet in order to be considered a member. Once a member, institutions go through the reaccreditation period every ten years, with a five year review period.

The College has been accredited by the Commission since 1921,

and will undergo a reaccreditation review this spring. The Self-Study Draft is the document by which a team, organized by the Commission, will assess the College when they meet amongst themselves and with members of the College Community on their visit to the College in the spring.

For "The Institution Self-Study, the College chose a comprehensive model," said Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life and co-Chair of the Steering Committee. "Under this model, all aspects of the College are under review."

"The visiting Chair will

be Sanford Ungar, President of Goucher College, with a visiting team of eight to ten people," added Shiner Wilson. "The team will meet with a lot of people, look at any document they want to and talk to anyone they want to. When they leave they will give us a brief preliminary report, and a few weeks after that they will send us a written report. Then, around May, the team will make a suggestion about reaccreditation."

The Self-Study draft is the culmination of work that began in the Fall 2003, when the Steering Committee and Task Force

members were appointed. "Kathy Harring [the other co-Chair of the Steering Committee], the Provost [Marjorie Hass] and I thought of who were the logical people [to be members], based on their expertise," said Shiner Wilson.

From that time, the Committee and Task Force have made numerous drafts and have participated in many meetings about what the Commission expected. One of the main recommendations that the Commission gave the College in the 1996 review was a need for more

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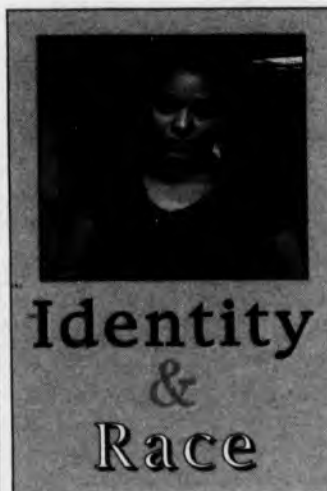
Study abroad fee increase unwarranted and unjust

Considering what it costs to go to the College, what's 4000 extra dollars? Well, to most students and their parents at the College (and to us), \$4000 is a lot of extra money and if something costs that much it could serve as a deterrent or as something that could have negative financial consequences down the road. Thus is the reasoning behind the International Programs Office, which has recently instituted a policy saying that students who decide to study at a non-College affiliated institution while abroad need to pay an additional \$4000. This means that, in addition to the tuition that students normally pay to attend the College, they must give an additional \$4000 in order to take part of the study abroad program if they do indeed go to the institution of their choice rather than a place that is affiliated with the College. When you add in other necessities such as plane fare, groceries, books and other supplies, the fee reaches astronomical heights and the student may even ask "is this worth it?"

As we both spent time abroad and believed our experiences to be both enriching and enjoyable, we serve as advocates for the study abroad program and so we worry about any kind of barrier that may prevent a student from taking advantage of this life-changing opportunity. Such a significant additional cost may serve as an obstacle or will prevent the student from going to their preferred institution. Prior to this year the most a student had to pay to attend a non-College affiliated institution was \$1000. This leads us to wonder why such a significant fee increase was instituted in the first place. Other benchmark Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) schools do not have a fee anywhere near as high as the one that the College has just set—actually, their fee did not even come close to the former \$1000 fee, as they only charge \$100.

While the College has other options of places to study (ones that they are obviously pushing on the student), we do not think that such an extraordinarily high penalty fee is the answer, nor is it fair to the student considering the policies of other benchmark schools. Isn't college a time for students to explore opportunities that were previously unavailable? We believe that the College should reconsider this policy because it may deter students from going abroad.

Interracial dating dissected



Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

I was channeling Sekhmet, one of the dual goddesses of ancient Egypt, a few days ago when I realized I didn't know why I was feeling dissatisfaction. This discontent, some days, seems to be at home right down through the politics of my skin, a bone pain.

In Anna Deavere Smith's introduction to her play, *Fires in the Mirror*, she reveals, "There has been an inevitable tension in America. It is the tension of identity in motion, the tension of identity which is in contest with an old idea, but a resonant idea of America. It was developed initially, or so we are told, by men, by White men, but an idea which has in fact, been adapted by women and people of color. Can we guide that tension so that it is, in fact, identity in motion, identity, which like a train can pick up passengers and take them to their destination?"

Sekhmet was one of the lion-headed goddesses of Egypt whose worship was most prevalent in Upper Egypt. She was at once the creator and the destroyer, who gave birth to a god of healing. She was called the "Goddess of Dread," and the "Lady of Pestilence" and her priests were adept at healing. What identity contains more tension than this? To have access to both calm and war in the same body is epic.

Identity isn't just one body, it can be two bodies in a relationship; the sounds behind the noise are connected and they compliment each other respectively.

When someone sees a White man with a Black woman, the two most common instantaneous reactions are "slave-owner," or, "she really accomplished something." When you look at a Black man with a White woman, Black women think "what a waste" and Black men, like in the movie, *Undercover Brother*, just want to know what it's like to have sex with a White woman.

My feelings about interracial dating are mixed. It is never safe to assume that because you come from a certain type of familial position you support a particular type of relationship. I am a multiracial woman who identifies, more often than not, with being Black, because my father is labeled as Black

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As the death toll rises, so do the questions

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

2,000. Let the number sink in. Does it seem like a large amount to you? Here at Muhlenberg we have roughly 2,500 students, so picture our entire school minus one grade. Think of every individual person and how they all have families. Think of every individual person and how they all have a future, full of goals and desires for their individual lives. Then picture each of the individuals having their lives taken from them. Picture their families mourning, picture all their goals and dreams never having a chance to be realized.

Sometime last week the death toll in Iraq hit the 2,000 mark. Many of the deceased are in the same age range as the students at this campus. Since March of 2003, the lives of our service members have been taken one by one and they will con-

tinue to be for the foreseeable future. Like toy soldiers in some sick game, they march into Iraq and don't come back. Well, sometimes they do come back, but then they get sent back again and again until their luck runs out. These poor men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country and have died in the most honorable way possible all deserved to be mourned by every individual in this country.

War is always an ugly thing. Human beings ripping each other apart like animals. Our Earth is destroyed as people explode ever increasing powerful weapons at each other to fight for their cause. Love ones get left behind, widows are made, mothers are left childless.

War is sometimes a necessary thing. Who knows what Europe would be like right now if the United States, Britain, Russia and the rest of the allied forces didn't fight to stop Hitler? Who knows

where we would all be right now if our forefathers didn't stand up for their rights and fight to form their own country? There have been tyrants in the past who threatened to rip our planet to shreds if they were not stopped.

Crazy, power-hungry men like Hitler, who was bent on world domination through genocide.

War was necessary to stop Hitler from wiping out an entire race of people and taking over a whole continent. War was necessary to convert our loosely affiliated 13 colonies into the great nation it is today.

War is sometimes an unnecessary thing. It becomes a knee-jerk reaction to someone bent on power or a long set plan waiting for the right moment to strike into action. Pre-

emptive war is an even more unnecessary thing—that is, attacking somebody before they do something to you. I don't seem to remember the country of Iraq attacking us or threatening to take over the world.

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Saddam Hussein is a tyrant, someone who cruelly and unjustly ran his country. We attempted and failed to remove him in the early 1990s without a significant number of American casualties. Yet, people currently in the Bush administration weren't satisfied.

They had to have their way and had to have control and power in the Middle East.

Bang! September 11th happens, a little lie about an Al-Qaeda and Saddam connection here, and a little

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The third great awakening: a conservative pulpit

Dan McClung
OP-ED EDITOR

The prude always seem to turn to religion for ideological nay-saying. As each American generation becomes less abstinent, more broadminded and more sexually and ideologically experimental, buffoonery and sin are beginning to take over the earth; so, someone better institute a ban, right? Perhaps Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield were onto something with their dangling spiderwebs and pits of fire when all those young 17th century guys went out and, dare I say, danced with girls.

All living generations have had their own brush with the creationists and the silly Paleyisms of rocks and watches. I guess it all tends to work out eventually; hey, Galileo was forgiven after 400 years--how many licks will it take for Darwin?

Religious movements, like

temperance societies, tend to crop up out of desperation.

Usually, the stick-in-the-muds get unnerved when religion doesn't resonate as much as they think it used to or in the way they think it should, or when, as the case tends to be these days, a few people have their own notions or ways of doing things.

After all, free thought makes conservatism rather difficult. The same tends to go for totalitarianism, absolutism, and despotism. After all, there's always "unity" in suppression.

So today, it returns. In place of the drone of 18th and 19th century anti-sin, we now have our hypnotic Christian rock, WalMart, evangelists and gay-reformation camps.

The sad part is that the neo-conservatives have gulaged an armored Hummer into a chicken's body. They've taken that which is spiritually truthful

in religion and stuffed it with politics to shield their intolerance and fear of "dirty" things.

George Bernard Shaw once wrote that "no man ever believes that the Bible means what it says; he is always convinced that it says what he means." The contemporary pro-life movement tends to employ a line from Proverbs, Chapter 31, Verse 9: "speak for those that cannot speak for themselves." In context, the line refers primarily to the "poor and needy," yet apparently it also applies to fertilized eggs.

It seems that proponents of the "speaking" feel that they are not content applying solely to themselves their self-defined morals, but to the entirety of this, in theory and on paper, free country.

It's unfortunate also that the contemporary conservative has somehow taken

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and my mother is labeled as White. It is easier for me to call myself a Black woman even though I have other racial identities inside myself such as Cherokee, Irish and Lebanese. People automatically assume that because of my perceptual biracial status that I am in support of interracial relationships. They figure, why wouldn't she be, she came from one. Whether or not I bear the same attitudes, it is a matter of loyalty and honor because I look the way the children will look like. So I must not take any offense to it. What about the tension with Black kids adopted into a White family? Does the amount of tension depend upon the economic status of the family or does it disappear in the connection parents might have with the children?

I think interracial relationships are at once the most dangerous and vulnerable type of relationship one can have in America. They are such a powerful and symbolic statement of polarity. There is power in this type of polarity because when it actually works, it

transcends race and becomes an outpost of hope. Even in this modern age, it takes tremendous courage to present that part of your identity even if its racial terms mean nothing to you. I wonder when the tension dissipates. Does it return with the arrival of children, in the way that the actual color of one of the parents might not match the color of the child?

Tension is a blink of the eye away from unhappiness. Language, I like to continually stress, is the only conduit to a healthy relationship with the rest of the world. Language allows for love of self and love of others. "I knew that by using another person's language it was possible to portray what was invisible about that individual," Anna Deavere Smith said. But I wonder, after having twisted words and their subjective meanings from another, aren't they twisted by the community or individual that wants you to see into a specific piece? When language is the pathway to understanding another's identity you must take every expression for what it is in its essentials, even mine; I lie a lot, it helps me control the world.

College neglects to recognize gender identity

Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Discrimination is illegal in most situations. Yet the United States, even seven years after Matthew Shephard's brutal murder, has not passed a comprehensive hate crime law that includes sexual orientation and gender identity among other things. It is not in the Federal Law to protect gay or transgender individuals and many states neglect these protections as well. Muhlenberg College protects gay students from discrimination. However, it allows a new form of discrimination, one that Lehigh University does not allow--"Discrimination Based on Gender Identity."

Lehigh University does not discriminate against any person based on age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status. One might now scratch their head and

ask themselves...but don't we have that at Muhlenberg? Actually we don't have that at Muhlenberg. According to our non-discrimination policy, students are yet to be protected on the basis of their actual or perceived gender identity (Gender ID).

A person's Gender ID may or may not match their biological sex. Their Gender ID is the gender they believe they fit into based on societal constraints and human emotion. Some people may question the need for a change. Is this just another liberal pushing a useless policy to get people riled up? The answer simply stated is no. Gender Identity discrimination happens. It happens on a large scale as seen in the Teena Brandon case (exemplified by Hilary Swank in the movie *Boys Don't Cry*). Brandon, a biological female, was beaten, raped and murdered when friends discovered her true identity. However, Gender ID discrimination

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lie about weapons of mass destruction there and you have your war. Now you have 2,000 Americans dead and what to show for it?

The purpose of this article is not to critique the Bush administration. What has happened is over with. Those soldiers are gone and never coming back.

The war has been going on for over two years now and I am not sure you can find a person anywhere who can give a reasonable approximation for when it will end. Remember those 2,000 people and salute their courage to support our country. They were doing

their job and fought valiantly, despite the lack of funding for equipment and being misled by our government. Every single one of those people put their faith in our government. Every single one of those families put their faith in our government.

I hope our government remembers that as the days drift by and the deaths add up. We can only hope that those we elected to be in power can guide us to the swiftest exit possible with as few casualties as possible. They have made mistakes in the past, but maybe when they stop and picture all of those 2,000 people individually, they won't make the same mistakes in the future.

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more commonly occurs on the small scale, minor things, statements or rules against cross dressing and so on.

The irony of the situation is multifaceted. Lehigh is considered by many to be significantly more conservative, yet they protect students based on Gender ID--an act seen by most as progressive. By law, Lehigh does not have to make these protections because the City of Bethlehem does not have an anti-discrimination policy inclusive of Gender ID. Muhlenberg, on the other hand, falls in the territory of Allentown which does have an anti-discrimination policy inclusive of Gender ID.

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is currently working on a campaign to change all relevant policies to be inclusive of Gender ID. (If you would like more information about Gender ID issues and how it effects discrimination please call the GLBT [Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transsexual] info line [610-435-7123].)

It seems that politics is holding us back. Instead of making a quick, necessary policy change, the administration is playing politics with justice. The just answer is to protect all people from discrimination.

But in what seems like a negligent effort, the College does not want to upset any people that might support discriminating against people. This is absurd and must be changed. Discrimination in any form that is tolerated by an academic institution is morally unjust and universally reprehensible.

Take action. Talk about it: tell your friends, talk to your parents, help spread the word that according to the Student Policy Handbook--Muhlenberg College does not protect students based on their actual or perceived Gender ID. Sign our petition: GSA members are currently carrying petitions you can sign to ask the College to change their policy. We will also be collecting signatures following the Ethics presentation on "Intersex and Conjoined Twins" next Tuesday (after voting, of course).

I'm sure at least someone will want to know what you think about Tom Selleck.

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ownership of religion, Christianity specifically.

Naturally, to be a good and proper Christian, one can't pick and choose these days. It's become a "sin" to abort an undeveloped fetus, a "sin" to end an unconscious life, yet good and proper to fry the hell out of someone because twelve ordinary people said so. These are old hypocrisies of course, yet it has gotten to the point that these pre-conceptions define what "faith" means.

Somehow the Bible has become a moot point, and there's no sense in arguing because somehow "everyone

else" seems to know exactly what their God wants without doing any sort of further investigation.

Ultimately, it is unclear what the goal is. Suddenly it seems desperately important to not just "spread the word," but to enforce it. We're all, apparently, once again dangling over the pit of hell from a spiderweb that is libel to give at any moment. You can say Hail Maries to catch fish all you want, but the hitman is still in the boat with you.

Progressive Christianity has lost its force, for progressives have too many people and too many opinions to encompass, whereas the conservatives only need to have one.

The conservative political "machine" can be referred to as such on account of its ability to tap into values, or create them, and guilt and preach everyone into submission. Basically, once they play the Jesus card, it tends to be hard for people to say no.

In many ways it is cruel. Faith in religion and its so called "values" guides many people, and they cannot be faulted for it.

In the end, despite all the masquerading, what is truly sad is the loss of discourse and the right's monopolization of spirituality; what is truly sad is that there can be dignity and truth in religion, but only when there is enough room.

Thanksgiving Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on November 27th at 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Those with Academic responsibilities (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 14th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Historical filmmaker makes his mark

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Eric Stange, an acclaimed documentary filmmaker, visited the College last week to attend classes and speak with students and faculty about the challenges and rewards of being a filmmaker. Stange's visit

was set up through The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program, a branch of The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows come from a multitude of professions, including business people, journalists, diplomats, writers

and artists.

The Visiting Fellows spend a week at small liberal arts colleges, helping students and faculty understand the relationship between the academic world and American society.

In this program's 22 year history, over 200 colleges have participated. According to Stange, "The idea [of the program] is to bring professors as well as academic people to spend a week on campus, visiting classes and speaking more as a practitioner than an academic."

Stange has been in the filmmaking business for 20 years. He generally creates films on historical subjects. With all of his expertise in the area, he gave students interested in the field advice on how to make their start in the business.

Stange was not a filmmaker for all of his working life. "I was a print journalist first and I discovered I really like the filmmaking field," said Stange. I like collaborating, and filmmaking is very collaborative."

On Tues., Oct. 25, in Moyer Hall, Miller Forum,

Stange showed an hour-long portion of his four-hour film, *The War That Made America--A Country Between*. The film is about the French and Indian War, which took place from 1754-1763 and helped America become an independent nation. Thus, the war was literally "the war that made America."

After the film was shown, Stange said, "We didn't have the budget to hire known actors." For the part of George Washington, "We found a guy who was tall. We also wanted someone that was a good horseback rider." (sic)

Many students attended the presentation for their Documentary Research or Communication in the Global Community classes, others attended because of an interest in filmmaking or historical events.

Some expected the film to have historians commenting on the scenes. Amy Chrzanowski '08 said, "They didn't have historians coming on the screen. It was fiction and documentary." This type of film is known as a dramatized documentary. Despite this difference from what the film

actually was like and what some students thought it would be like, generally, they were still pleased.

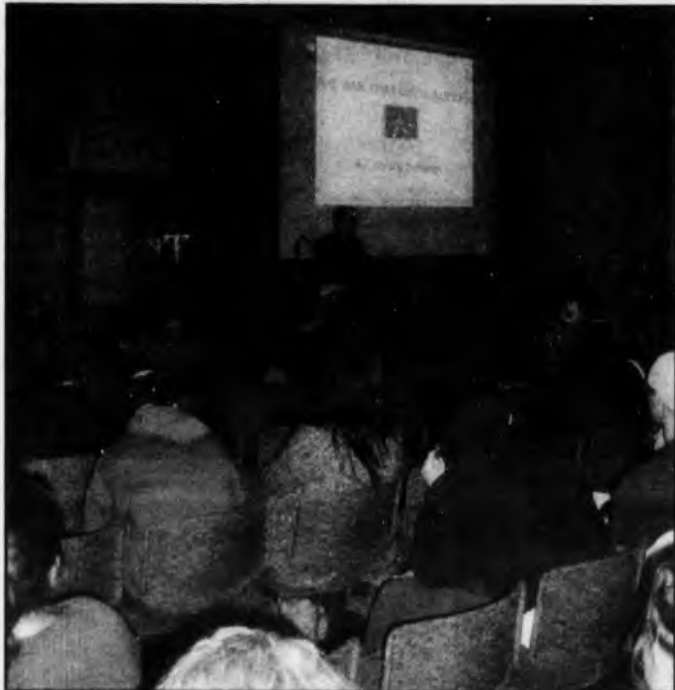
In addition to showing his film, Eric Stange visited many classrooms. At the end of his visit, a focus group was put together in order to give Stange feedback on his documentary.

Five students and one professor participated in the focus group so that Stange could benefit from both the negative and positive comments.

Sara Horowitz '08, a member of the focus group said, "It was interesting to hear what other students had to say about Stange's film. Even more interesting was getting to talk to Stange in an intimate setting about the film he made; getting to hear his insightful comments."

To sum up filmmaking in general, Stange said, "TV and filmmaking is a difficult and challenging career, and it has a lot of rewards."

When looking back at his visit to the College, Stange said, "I really enjoyed the visit. It's really helpful and fun to share what I do with other people."



Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Eric Stange shows his new documentary project to students and faculty.

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Helm delivers State of the College Address

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

By 10:30 a.m., Empe Theatre was filled with bright-eyed parents and groggy-eyed students, waiting to hear President Randy Helm's annual State of the College Address. Rich Christ, co-Chair of the Parents' Council, introduced Helm. Christ talked about his son who graduated last year and gave his own version of the speech: "The College is good, life is good and Muhlenberg prepared me well to give back." He introduced Helm by talking about his achievements: his undergraduate studies at Yale University, his PhD in Ancient Studies from the University of Pennsylvania of Philadelphia, Penn. and his work at several institutions, including Colby College of Waterville, Maine, until he arrived at the College in 2003.

Helm approached the podium with his ever-present bowtie and greeted his audience. He joked about meeting parents after getting to know the students here and talked of his appreciation about the College.

"Everyday I am finding out new things that make me more excited about [Muhlenberg], more enthusiastic about what's going on and more in love with [the school]," he said. Helm then went on to share a quick overview of what is happening this semester at the College, as well as giving a view of the vitality of the College and a glimpse of the future of the College.

According to Helm, the class of 2009 is the College's most academically gifted class so far and an

enthusiastic and talented group of people. The College as a whole has demonstrated its tradition of public service by raising funds for the relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina. Thanks to student groups such as SHARE and Hillel, the College has raised over \$70,000 for the relief effort as well as mobilizing about 80 percent of the College in the relief effort.

The Center of Ethics' theme of *The Politics and Ethics of Identity* this year has been a very successful co-curricular program thus far, according to Helm. There have been a number of rich and complex discussions that have raised questions about how identity is addressed within contexts such as race, gender and social class. These discussions have provided interesting platforms for class discussions and private inquiry, which has benefited the College greatly.

The president also discussed the number of theatrical performances that have gone on this semester at the College and praised the success of these enriching events. He mentioned the expansion of study abroad options that was enabled by the new study abroad policy which permits students with compelling academic reasons to study in countries on the United States' travel warnings list.

Next, the president spoke about the signs of vitality of the College, or in other words, the key indicators that the College is doing well and will continue to do so. A major

indicator of the College's well-being is its endowment, and this year the endowment is in better shape than ever before. Currently, the College is at a record high of \$102 million.

However, the College needs to improve its endowment per student because it receives much less in endowment per student than many of its competitors and the endowment is needed to help improve the College as a whole.

The ongoing construction on campus is not only a sign of the vitality of the College, but is also a view of the future of the campus. Last year, the College completed the Life Sports Center and the president was proud to announce that the

College has finished raising money needed to pay for the building.

Currently, the College is building an 11,000 square foot addition to Seegers Union, which will be completed by late Jan. 2006 and is working on a renovation of Shankweiler and an expansion of the science complex as a whole. This addition is expected to be 40,000 square feet total and will include an elevator in Shankweiler to help lab equipment and disabled students travel more easily in the science complex. New laboratories will also be constructed.

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President Helm gave his annual speech about the state of the College in Empe Theatre during parents weekend.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SLAYTON

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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OFF CAMPUS

Drive-through flu shot

On Nov. 19, Lehigh Valley Hospital workers will attempt to give residents with disabilities or difficulty walking their flu shots an easier way. Passengers will roll down their windows, roll up their sleeves and stick out their arms for injections. All flu clinic planning committee members were trained to properly give drive-through flu shots.

The hospital has received less than half of the 25,000 vaccine doses ordered and has already postponed two clinics. The drive-through clinic will only proceed if the officials receive another shipment of the vaccine by Nov. 14. "I don't know how effective and efficient it will be," said Barbara Stader, Allentown Health Director, but she expects the new program will do more good than bad.

Allentown keeps tradition alive with Halloween

At the last minute, concerned citizens kept the annual Halloween Parade from a certain finish; they refused to see what may be America's oldest Halloween parade die from city budget cuts. Heidi Unterberg and Everett Bickford, co-Chairs of a committee to save the parade, found local volunteers to help raise money from businesses and citizens living in the greater Allentown area. Citizens raised enough money to make floats.

Many Allentown citizens watch the parade every year with their family and friends and were happy to be able to continue the tradition. The Allentown parade began in 1905 and has always been run by the people living in the Lehigh Valley area. This year the parade had 13 bands and over 85 other participants.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Jachimowicz gives talk on Greek Life

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Sat., Oct. 29, Christopher S. Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership, Development and Greek Affairs, gave a talk about Greek life on campus now and the plans for Greek life in the future. Jachimowicz has been at the College for two years and says that he finds more leadership stemming from the Greek fraternities and sororities than anywhere else on campus. He regrets that the Greek system has been rejected lately, often labeled as merely a social component on college campuses.

There are many students who avoid the Greek system because of its negative stigma; although the eligibility numbers have gone up recently, the numbers of members have gone down significantly. Jachimowicz wonders what the Greek system lacks that is causing this to occur. At the same time, he stresses that "What [the Greek system has] that

no one else can give is a sense of brotherhood or sisterhood." Over half of the student advisors, for instance, belong to the Greek system.

Jachimowicz explains that one of the difficulties fraternities and sororities face is that "there are a lot of unwritten rules" for members. One of his tasks is to identify the rules and level the expectations and guidelines for everyone. Jachimowicz explains that, "I was not brought here to save the Greek system, but I will give it every opportunity to save itself."

In order to do so, every member must actively know their responsibilities on campus. Jachimowicz believes that "Greek is work," opposed to simply being a social outlet. He stresses that, "Once you put the letters on, you can't take them off," meaning that all sorority and fraternity members represent the Greek system. Any trouble that a student gets into may have negative ramifications on their sorority or fraterni-

ty to the College.

At the same time, sororities and fraternities do a great deal of community service, and raised more money for Hurricane Katrina relief than any other organization on campus. Jachimowicz believes that the Greek system needs to make their service better known so that others can see what they do for the community. At the same time, the Greek system does not do community service in order to be noticed by others, so they should try to find a balance between seeming arrogant and appearing to do nothing for others.

Jachimowicz stresses that "I really do believe in this system and I really want it to succeed."

The student response to his talk was positive. Jason Saxe '06 said, "I believe it was a fair representation of Greek life."

Laurie Waldron '06 said, "Chris is very informative. He quelled rumors and brought out the truth."

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The Brown quad will be landscaped in order to provide more green spaces on campus. These renovations are expected to be finished by the beginning of Jan. 2007.

Helm also discussed some of the future projects that will be happening campus. These projects include replacing MacGregor Village and an expansion of the music and art facilities at the College. A new program in film studies that still needs faculty approval is also being discussed for the future.

The College is planning to keep enrollment at its current level in order to provide the best educational quality and quality of life for all the students here. Helm reports that 2,100 students, the current level, appears to be the most beneficial number of students for not only the College as a whole, but for the individual students that go here as well. The College is also attempting to expand relationships with the Allentown community through volunteer work, partnerships with local arenas (like the

Allentown Art Museum) and by working with local businesses in developing the 19th Street area so that it will become a more appealing place for students.

After his speech, Helm answered questions from a number of parents. These questions ranged from the academic policies on campus to the theatre program to current status of the crimewave that occurred at the College last year. The president was able to provide detailed answers about the methods professors use for determining midterm grades and possibilities for the theatre program as well as the recent decline in crimes on campus. Parents responded well to the information Helm presented and appeared to react favorably to the president's State of the College Address.

Patricia Watson, parent of a first-year student at the College said, "I was interested in all the statistics that President Helm presented as well as the status of the Strategic Plan". By the end of his speech, the audience and Helm alike seemed to look forward to the promising years to come.

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DEBATE

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the fact that he has been a resident of inner city Allentown for nearly a decade while Heydt kept referring to the fact that he was better qualified for the job because he had already been mayor of Allentown.

After the panelists asked questions, James Henshaw '06 questioned the candidates about how they would improve the overall quality of life. In addition, an Allentown Business Council member questioned the candidates on whether they were in favor of the new city charter.

The liveliest part of the debate came next when the candidates questioned each other. The debate became heated and energetic with both sides trying to defend their positions while making sure to stick to the question at hand.

The final question was asked by the panelists and then the candidates were given one minute to provide the audience with a closing statement. Pawlowski ended by saying he hopes to make Allentown a "place we can all be proud of," while Heydt said "we cannot afford to take a chance on a rookie--we need someone with experience." At the end of the final statement, a member of the

audience whispered in response to both candidates, "I just felt like I was being sold a Honda."

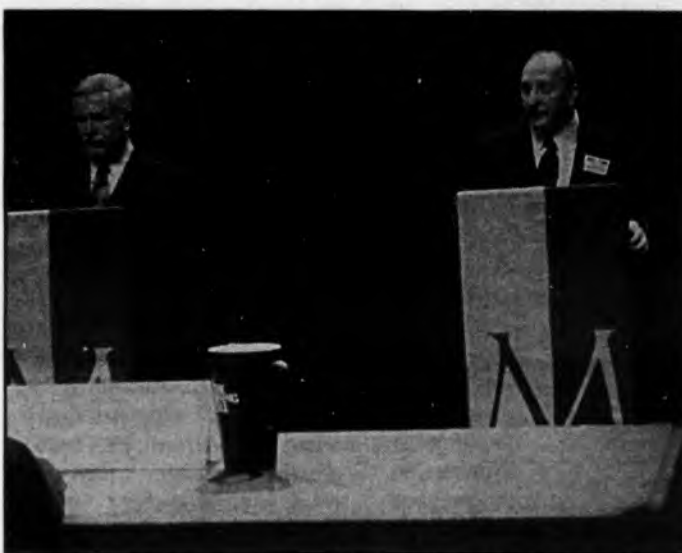
Most of the audience members were citizens of Allentown. However, there were also many faculty members present. There were just a handful of students at the event, at which Tarasoff said he was "really disappointed." Michael Yingling '07, President of College Democrats, said "the minimal campus publicity" could account for the turnout. He "wouldn't be surprised if many people were unaware of it."

Tarasoff said both candidates were "passionate and energetic" regarding their stance and all the

issues discussed "deeply affects everyone." Yingling agreed, adding, "just because it's not a presidential election does not mean it is not important; in fact, the local elections are usually the ones that have a more immediate and direct impact on [students]."

Tarasoff found the debates "much more energetic than in the past." The audience seemed to be in agreement with the sudden applause and laughter made after comments from the candidates. The debate will replay Sunday during the day and at night on PBS 39 and Service Electric TV2.

The election will take place on Tues., Nov. 8.



Candidates for mayor, William L. Heydt and Ed Pawlowski, debate in the Emple Theater.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

MIDDLE STATES

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internal assessment.

Throughout the process, the College looked at the reaccreditation review as an opportunity to improve assessment at the College.

Elizabeth McCain, Associate Professor of Biology, Steering Committee Member and co-Chair of the Student Support Services Task Force, explained the College's intentions with the Self-Study draft. "The goal [of the draft] is reaccreditation, but the College took it as a way to evaluate ourselves and redefine our strengths."

Shiner Wilson added that the reaccreditation process gave the College "an opportunity to assess and form some sort of structure. [It] gave us a chance to slow down and to see what [we're] doing and what needs to be changed."

Once the task forces were formed, they were given the Commission's standards and then went through a lot of rigorous work to write their section of the draft. "Once we were given what Middle States was looking for, we formed a list of questions, defined our methods, which had to be approved by Middle States, decided who to talk to, collected data and then

assessed the data ourselves," explained McCain.

Now that the Draft submission is nearing and the reaccreditation process is coming to an end, McCain explained that the Self-Study Draft is "right on track for the deadline."

"[The Draft was] a tremendous amount of work. I hope we did a good job," said McCain.

The Committee and Task Forces are now looking for students, faculty and staff to look through the draft and respond to the findings and make any corrections that are necessary. "What we have now are not methods, but findings," said McCain. "We are looking for participation by the community for communication, assessment and feedback."

"We are looking to find any errors, most which will be factual errors," added Shiner Wilson. "With a lot of people collecting a lot of data there are bound to be errors."

Shiner Wilson summed up the Middle States re-accreditation process by saying, "It is a very thorough process, but we believe strongly as an institution and as individuals, as professionals and as students, that everyone needs to stop and reflect and see what we can do better."

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 25 - Illegally Parked - A vehicle which had nine tickets attached to it was illegally parked in Seegers Union parking lot. The nine tickets totaled \$620.

Oct. 25 - Theft - A student had left his wallet in the Emple Theater two days prior to reporting it missing. The wallet was returned with \$60 in cash missing.

Oct. 26 - Larceny/theft from vehicle - A student reported that his car, parked on 24th Street by the Tremont Apartments, was broken into between midnight and 2 a.m. Over \$1200 worth of possessions including an amplifier, bass, CDs and a CD holder were stolen.

Oct. 26 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption - Two students in Prosser Hall were

sent to the Judicial Process for an alcohol violation.

Oct. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 318 Albright Street, the fire alarm was set off due to steam from the shower.

Oct. 27 - Injury - A visitor spilled hot coffee on her chest and arm at Seegers Union and was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2216 Liberty Street an alarm was set off due to problems with the Simplex System. The problem was quickly corrected.

Oct. 27 - Injured Student - A student missed a step in Brown Hall, falling down the stairs and injuring her ankle. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Oct. 28 - Larceny/Theft - A purse was stolen at Chili's in Whitehall, Penn.

Oct. 28 - Theft - A student reported that his black bag was missing from the computer labs in Ettinger. The bag contained papers and other items relating to class.

Oct. 29 - Suspicious Activity - On the first floor of Benfer Hall a smashed window was reported. The suspects appear to be students.

Oct. 30 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption - Between N. 24th and Allen Streets at about 1 a.m., a student was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The two other male students with him were also charged with underage consumption.

Oct. 30 - Suspicious Person - A friend of a student reported an ex-boyfriend trying to contact her friend who lives in Brown Hall. The male non-student was removed from campus and issued a trespassing violation.

Oct. 31 - Theft - A student reported that her Gap jean jacket had been stolen from the couches at Seegers Union. In one of the pockets of the jacket there was a brown wallet with a few dollars in cash and some credit cards.

Oct. 31 - Theft - A male student lent his cell phone to an unknown female student early Sunday morning and she never gave it back to him. The male student does not know who the female student is.

Oct. 31 - Suspicious

Activity - Students reported receiving phone calls from solicitors and were not sure if it was a scam. A statement was released on behalf of College President Randy Helm and Campus Safety warning students not to give out their social security numbers. It turns out that the credit card company calling was legitimate.

Oct. 31 - Injured student - A student in South Hall burned his right hand while trying to melt caramel for apples. He refused treatment.

Nov. 1 - Exposer - A white male in his late 20s, early 30s exposed himself to students. He is described as having long dark hair tied in a ponytail. He was last seen in a maroon minivan between Liberty and Allen Streets.

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*Life!***"May your life be like toilet paper...long and useful."****-Anonymous**

MTA's production of *Cabaret* evokes a radical pre-war Germany

By Dan McClung
OP-ED EDITOR

I find it intriguing that artistic epiphanies and experimentation seem to arise most aggressively amidst chaos--only to be kicked aside by the swift suppression of conservatism. Germany's Weimar Republic, one of the foci of the post-World War I "modernist" movement, was an utter political and economic mess. The Great War had managed to kill off more people faster than had ever been previously possible. The Western World's concoctions of heroic grandeur had disappeared, and so had a good portion of that generation, upon which Gertrude Stein would later remark. The Dada Movement fleshed into the Surrealist movement and the likes of James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway and Ezra Pound all sat in French cafes complaining with one another. Amidst that rose a Berlin filled with the likes of Bertolt Brecht, Marlene Dietrich and Albert Einstein. As the advertisements for the Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA) production of *Cabaret* proclaim, "here life is beautiful."

And so, the show that loosely examines the collapse of this decrepit and flourishing place and time has come to the College under the direction of Charles Richter, Head of Theatre and Dance.

Cabaret, which opened last weekend, concerns the story of Cliff Bradshaw (Theo Rutherford '08), a struggling American novelist, as he is reeled in by the expressive and lively Weimar era near the end of its disorganized influence. Bradshaw's story is overlapped with literal "cabaret" interludes led by the Emcee (Kennedy Kanagawa '08), which subtly parallel the reality that lies outside.

The show, which debuted on Broadway in 1966 and was later directed for film in 1972 by Bob Fosse, is itself a rather devastating examination of the collapse of free expression. It is darkly comical, and consistently relevant to the direction in which contemporary Western society has been heading.

To say the least, the Muhlenberg Theatre Association's production is a very different experience from both the film and past Broadway showings. As I was viewing it, I could not exactly pinpoint what emotions were going through my head.

In the show, Richter has emphasized the lighter comedic moments of the script, which has created a rather perplexing, yet interesting, experience. As such, the Emcee ends the show with more of an ironic wink at the audience rather than any sort of foreboding, somber soothsaying.

This approach is fascinating due



Kennedy Kanagawa '08 poses for the camera before one of *Cabaret*'s popular performances.

PHOTO BY WILL PORTER

to its subtlety, though it occasionally felt a little too playful. After all, the Nazis are coming; we should be able to sense that tension a bit more clearly. Ultimately, it is difficult to distinguish whether this approach works or not.

My first instinct tells me it didn't. At the time, it felt scattershot and too much like it was attempting to appease the parent-laden crowd. Yet again, it provides for such an eerie finale that I can't exactly fault it.

For the most part, however, this is a successful production. The acting

is very good across the board, particularly Kanagawa's role as the Emcee, Courtney Romano '06 as Sally Bowles and guest actor P. Brendan Mulvey as Herr Schultz. The actors maintain the narratives of their characters very well, and their collective ends turn out to be very affecting. Blocking was orchestrated well, and the lighting and sets were simple yet effective.

There were a few issues with the accents, some stiff delivery and

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

AFTER COMING TO MUHLENBERG, WHAT SURPRISED YOU MOST?



"I was surprised at how eccentric professors can be, but in a good way!"

- Sonya Martinez-Hunsicker '06



"I guess I was surprised at how friendly squirrels can be."

- Aaron Weintraub '07



"The amount of work outside of class surprised me."

- Matt Horn '09



"I was pleasantly surprised by how there are very few problems here."

- Hank Hamory, Campus Safety Officer



"I suppose how many counties of New Jersey there are shocked me."

- Beth Schwartz '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

These rockin' doctors bring on the noise, bring on the funk

By Alexander Hotz
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

All the members of the Doctors of Rock teach traditional, scholarly classes, but on Fri., Oct. 28, Dr. Schick and the Doctors of Rock schooled the campus in some different classics. The Doctors of Rock is composed of Donald Dale, Assistant Professor of Economics, on bass/vocals, Scott Sherk, Head Professor of Art, on drums, Jason Kelsey, Assistant Professor and Program Director in Environmental Science, on keyboard/vocals, and Ted Schick, Director of Muhlenberg Scholars and Professor of Philosophy, on vocals/guitar. The doctors all hail from separate Ivy League schools and different departments at the College.

Opening with the Beatles' "Money," the band made it clear that their expertise doesn't just reside in the classroom. Despite a heavy reliance on classic rock and especially the Beatles, the Doctors proved they could master a number of legends. The Knack's "My Sharona" and AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long" stood out as some of the best songs of the night. The musicians also explored the rockier waters of modern rock, covering Weezer's recent top 40 tune "Beverly Hills."

The concert, which took place in the Red Door, was packed with students and parents. Alexandra Goncharova '07, a Resident Advisor in East Hall, said, "I really loved them, they rock." Tim Bungeroth '07 commented that, "Schick was a Shredder," referring to the scholar's guitar skills. Schick's solo during the third song, "My Sharona," was especially impressive. The Doctor demonstrated a mastery of his instrument and the songs.

The Doctor's performance coincided with Family Weekend, a short span of time when the College helps us forget the steady tuition inflation. Most of the parents enjoyed seeing the Doctors outside of their traditional setting. One parent, Phil Symonds, remarked that the Doctors, "showed good breadth and they weren't



The Doctors of Rock jam out to the rockin' tunes of every generation.

PHOTO BY ALEXANDER HOTZ

stuck in one groove." Symonds also said that the musicians, "had great tone and control." Dale was more modest about his abilities, saying that the scholars, "just liked to get together and play." Dale, who picked up the bass in graduate school, has always been a big Beatles fan. When asked if he could have been any rock star in history, Dale named Paul McCartney because, "you can't go wrong with McCartney."

On Friday night it certainly seemed like Dale and his bandmates were rock stars. As the Doctors cruised through classics like "Eight Days a Week" and "Oh Darling!" the audience shrieked their names and sometimes the classes they teach. Some students even braved the dance floor to get jiggy with it during The Black Crowes' "Hard to Handle." The Doctors encouraged others to get up and dance, but had no takers. Even so, it was a headbangin' good time and clearly, these doctors do rock.

Ballroom sashays into NYC

By Sarah Smith
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

Imagine the rhythmic beats of the tango, swing, rumba, meringue and foxrot. Now add the energetic spirits, minds and bodies of some of New York City's 11 year-olds and you have the beings of *Mad Hot Ballroom*. This documentary, shown in the Red Door on Wed., Oct. 26, served as part of Latin Heritage Week and was only one of many events taking place on campus as part of the celebration.

Directed by Marilyn Agrelo, this documentary follows the ballroom dance after-school program that three New York City schools, Tribeca, Bensonhurst and Washington Heights, have implemented. Aimed at mostly 11 year-old students, the program is ten weeks long and culminates in a competition. The documentary is infused with the thoughts and musings of the children that can often be humorous or very mature.

"He's got a sloppy chicken wing," one girl remarked about her partner

who had trouble holding his arm up. This was just one small example of the dedication that these children possess; and it was this aspect of the program that seems to be affecting the children most. At this point in their lives, many children start to become acquainted with street life, gangs, drugs and all the issues that urban kids have to deal with. This program is an effective attempt that the school is using to keep the kids off the street and involved in something worthwhile.

Jatma, one of the girls in the program, said, "I feel bad for people doing drugs. It's not their fault, their parents didn't take care of them." She later voiced her aspirations for college and her future. The helping and supportive teachers had also noticed a marked difference in the participating children due to the program's influence. One teacher stated, "They have turned into ladies and gentlemen and they take care of their partner." In other words, they had begun to be responsible, knowing that their partner was depending on them and, at least in the guys

case, understanding that they have to lead.

Jonathan, dressed in a yellow jersey and holding a basketball, could be the typical young teen who became involved with gangs at too young of an age. But instead, nervously twisting the basketball with his hands while having a one-on-one with the camera, he said, "I'm not that good at dance but I'm trying really hard to get better."

One might think that elementary boys wouldn't be caught dead holding hands of little girls, let alone ballroom dancing. But the children of these three New York City schools were full of surprises. "You get really into it and it's fun," one boy stated. Another chimed in with, "You get energized." To add to the comic element of 11 year-old boys fighting about who was the better dancer compared to what they could be fighting about, one small boy added, "Yeah, when you're 11, you start to get hair in weird places." Life changes at a rapid pace for

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AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Chicken Little

Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:00, 5:10, 7:30

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Elizabethtown

Fri. 4:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 10:00
Sun. 4:10

Jarhead

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Legend of Zorro

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

North Country

Fri. 7:00
Sat. 1:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 7:00

Saw II

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Text messages or love notes: *impersonal technology seems to be the wave of the flirting future*

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Should your fingers do all the talking? Romance is everywhere now in this age of text messages and AIM.

"Hi." It can mean so many things. You can express excitement and joy or anger and irritation in a simple greeting. When talking in person to someone or even on the phone, the art of vocal cues can be used to make even a few simple words have a deep impact and influence on the conversation. But what happens when you are expressing yourself through text messages? How do you convey subtle cues and inferences on AIM? When did smiley faces replace real human emotions?

AIM has revolutionized the way people communicate, especially in college. Why call someone to see what they are doing, when you can compulsively check their away message? AIM allows a person to always know what someone else is

up to without revealing his/her identity. Don't get me wrong, I check away messages, but what does an away message even say about the person you are checking? Does their profile help you delve deeper into the soul and psyche of the person you are virtually stalking? These things can really only be found out through conversation, and the exchange of ideas and stories between two people through a more personal medium.

I believe that getting to know someone involves face-to-face contact or at the very least listening to their voice on the phone. So much is lost in a conversation when the element of real people talking to each other is abandoned. Not just what is conveyed through tone and facial expression but an element of honesty. With AIM and text messaging, you can plan what you want say. I can't tell you how many times my friends or I have agonized over the best text

message to send or thought about the mind wrenching "I'm not that desperate" and yet leaving flirtatious messages on someone's AIM. I think that not just women, but men as well on this or any college campus use AIM or text messaging as a way of flirting, without really putting themselves out there for rejection. I suppose it's a means of protecting oneself and one's heart. These methods are so impersonal; you don't really have to involve a lot of emotion.

The human body is amazing at communicating silently. A look or bumping into someone as you pass them can speak volumes. A person's voice can carry with it so many different vocal cues and insinuations that you can just say the word "hi" and the person you are talking to can know exactly how you feel just from uttering one syllable. As much as I enjoy AIM and text messaging, I think people need to realize that these advances in technology can

never replace actually human contact. You can't get to know someone through a cell phone or from constantly checking that person's away messages. The best bet is to just call to talk or arrange a time to meet. Learn to leave the computer for a little while. Actually turn off your cell phone for once (and no, that does not mean turn off the ringer, but actually off, like when it says "Goodbye" and shuts down). Imagine when people didn't have the computer and cell phone. There were probably a lot less misunderstandings and breakups as typed words can often be taken the wrong way.

So this is a call to put down your technological weapons of human contact destruction. Reacquaint yourself with the more classy, communicative way of life. We don't want a campus full of people sitting in their rooms at their computers with their cell phones glued to their hands, now do we? Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!

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Talent shines in Student Cabaret

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Parents and students filled the seats of Empie Theater on Friday night to watch the Student Cabaret Show. Due to the name of the musical this year, some people with tickets to *Cabaret* ended up in the wrong theater; however, after the confusion was sorted out, hosts Joel Frank '07 and Tom Kelleher '08 announced the first act. The male and female student a cappella group, the Dynamics, performed first, singing two songs. The two other a cappella groups at the College, the all-female Girls Next Door and the all-male AcaFellas, also performed during the show. Of the groups did not have all their members present because of the musical.

In addition to the three groups, five soloists entertained the audience. Sarah Primmer '09 sang "A Change in Me" accompanied by Rob McCrann '09.

McCrann also accompanied Rebecca Goldstein '09, who sang "Think of Me" from *The Phantom of the Opera*. Both hosts also performed as vocal soloists in the show. Kelleher sang "All I Care About" from *Chicago* and Frank sang "Anthem" from the musical *Chess*. Emily Nealis '07, who accompanied both Kelleher and Frank, played for the final soloist Donna Ward '09 as she sang "Someone to Watch Over Me."

In addition to the singers, many of the student-led dance groups performed on Friday. The Perkulators,



The AcaFellas lights up the Student Cabaret and the stage with their upbeat music and personalities.

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By Zam Zool

Aries

You know what's fun? Pole-dancing. Being surrounded by your friends and colleagues as you gyrate seductively. It's a recipe for instant fun and peer appreciation. It could possibly be the coolest thing you could do on a Friday night, but you must first be cautious on where you intend to perform. If it's in the middle of a field during a thunderstorm, remember: lightning plus metal pole equals no fun.

Taurus

You're addicted to the Internet. Not only do you have a favorite website, but you've got a favorite server, a favorite webmaster and even an online girlfriend who lives thousands of miles away in Guam. Your life sucks. I'm sure some mornings, you wake up, turn on your computer and attempt to jack yourself into the Matrix. That can't be good for your mental health or the continued performance of your computer.

Gemini

You shaved your head, it grew back. Your girlfriend left you, she returned with open arms. Your roommates set fire to your bed as a prank, you covered them in a mixture of mayonnaise and molasses and poured army ants all over them. Life is cyclical. What goes around, comes around. That means if you treat someone terribly, it will come back and haunt you in the most extreme way possible.

Cancer

You've been so very busy lately. So many extra-curricular activities and so much schoolwork to do, so little time for friends and fun. So how about unwinding a bit this weekend? Say with a good friend, a bottle of wine and an infinitely humorous Mel Brooks film, like *Robin Hood Men in Tights*—why that's a brilliant idea! Then you can get to bed early and sleep all of Sunday—imagine how relaxed and peaceful you would be.

Leo

You have become quite adept at growling, fierce Leo, except I'm not really sure why you've been doing it so much. Is it to ward off competition for food in the GQ? Is it simply a reflex to unwanted stimuli? But perhaps there's a stranger explanation for your recent growling affliction—you might be turning into a werewolf. So lock your door and warn your friends on the next full moon.

Virgo

You're single and it's finally starting to get to you. At first it seemed like a huge liberation from the restricting iron bonds of a relationship, you were finally free. Fast forward four weeks to the present and you're very alone, with no prospective relationships or hookups. Meanwhile, your roommate is having wild, unrestrained physical love. It is a bad week for all Virgos.

Libra

You're miles away from your mom's laundry service or Daddy's Visa card until Thanksgiving break: you're in for the long haul here, darling. Could this mean that 'gasp' you need to find a campus job? Of course it does, but not to worry, the College is full of interesting and easy ways to make tons of quick money! Like evaluating houses in the back alleys of Allentown at ten to midnight for the humanities.

Scorpio

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and you can't wait to see your cool, quirky family together again. Except this year, your family is going to try something a little different. Something along the lines of a pagan sacrifice and they're not cutting turkey this year. Unfortunately, it's a virgin sacrifice, and that definitely includes you, unless you can find some way around that before break.

Sagittarius

You are crazy. Not simple, 'who-hoo, I'm unique' crazy, but 'screaming hysterically about telepathic squirrel commandoes' crazy. Don't worry about it, you're a perfect fit for the lucrative world of live-action role-playing. Scream about dragons and demons and the advancing hordes of Nzrathoth while surrounded by a healthy circle of like-minded individuals who share your distaste in reality.

Capricorn

It is fall, the season of pumpkins and apple picking, bonfires and leaf piling. You are a fall baby at heart, no matter how much you say you love summer, because it's your birthday season. So I challenge you not to express your passionate appreciation for the changing colors and crisp air. Do not take a walk in the park kicking up leaves as you go. Do not lay down on the cool grass and gaze at the blue sky. Don't!

Aquarius

Drowning is a terrible death. The reason I'm stating this incredibly morbid fact is because you can't swim. I know! Isn't it weird that someone with a water sign would exhibit such innate hydrophobia? Not to worry though, because learning how to swim can be easy, if you put your mind to it. All you have to do is not drown. Try moving your arms and wearing swimmyies and a life jacket.

Pisces

Time to register for classes, Pisces! Unfortunately, classes are filling up rather fast this semester and soon enough, the only spots that will be open are the sketchy courses that people are rather afraid of. Examples of this being Modern European Gigolos and 18th Century British Pornography. Actually, the second one sounds mildly interesting. Better sign up quick!

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peculiar pacing throughout. I could continue to quibble about minutia, of which there is some; however, the integrity and distinctive quality

of this show outpaces all of that. It manages to pull the original material into a different philosophical realm, ending up being more existential than distressing, more contemplative than foreboding.



Kennedy Kanagawa '08 portrays The Emcee of the Kit Kat Club which signifies an expressionistic hub of Weimar Germany.

PHOTO BY WILL PORTER

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the College's dance team, presented two numbers, integrating hip-hop, jazz and even some ballet into their routines.

Copaesthetic Rhythms, a tap group in its third year at the College, danced energetically to "Carwash" and added a country twist to their tapping with "Honky Tonk Blues." The Soul Sound Steppers, perhaps the biggest dance group, treated the audience to a step routine. At one point the steppers were arranged in a "v" and the two girls at the middle of the "v" rolled down the sides as the other steppers jumped over them. Although one of the girls rolling got dizzy and steered off course, the audience appreciated the effort and could see that everyone on stage was having a great time. The newest dance group, Mint, a hip-hop group started last semester, finished out the night with a perform-

ance in much the same style as the Perkulators.

A highlight of the evening was a piano performance by Brian Kirchner '07. Originally, Kirchner was scheduled to play with violinist Christi Razzi '07, but he ended up solo. Before beginning, Kirchner, not at all bashful on stage, announced that he had just finished writing the song he was going to play fifteen minutes ago. He also greeted all the parents in the audience, noting that his parents weren't there because they love him. During his second song, "Seasons," based off the style of George Winston, Kirchner reached into the body of the piano and strummed the cords like one would a guitar. The effect complemented the song nicely.

Another instrumental act was the four person Muhlenberg Percussion Ensemble. The Ensemble played "Xylophonia" written by Jeff Levy '09.

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these inner-city school children, but this constant outlet for their energy has proved to be a positive thing.

"You have to make sure others don't boast or brag because it makes others feel worthless," one girl remarked. Her words, overly mature for her age, strike true; at the end of the program select couples were chosen to go on to compete. Teachers and children alike squirmed at the prospect of winning and losing. The school children were excited to finally put their hard work to the test and the teachers were nervous for their students and their hopeful expectations.

The competition was full of sassy hip swinging from the girls

and, even more surprising, the boys. Every dancer got into it their own way and were supported by the cheering and applause of their fellow dance mates. For those watching the movie, get caught up in their aspirations. You find yourself smiling when they do well and twisting your hands in anticipation each time they compete. While watching it, the one thing you fear the most is that they will have their hopes crushed.

Mad Hot Ballroom documents how when united in a goal, racial and gender differences melt away. White, black and hispanic don't exist when your function is to dance. It conveys the yearnings for accomplishment and recognition in inner-city schools and how with a little support, guidance and a point of the toe, it can all happen.

Volleyball graduates record holders

Mule Profiles--Julie Lauro and Mary Henning

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A two-season co-Captain of the volleyball team, **Senior Mary Henning** finished her successful career on a strong note in the team's Oct. 28 win against Washington College. She dished out 43 assists in the four game match, including assisting in the game winning point to fellow Senior co-Captain Julie Lauro. It was a fitting ending for the pair, who have played together for four years at the College.

Henning, a setter, came to the College from West Morris Central High School (Long Valley, N.J.) as a two-time Morris County Player of the Year and a member of the Powerzone Volleyball Club.

In freshman season, Henning averaged 8.10 assists/game and added 54 digs, ten blocks and 11 aces. As a sophomore, she led the team in assists (4.16/game), ranked fourth on the team in digs (193) and first in aces (44). In 2004, her first season as a captain, Henning tallied a team high 769 assists, the fourth best single season total in the College's history and she finished sec-

ond on the team in aces (34) and third in digs (161). She also posted high Centennial Conference numbers, placing fourth in the Conference with 9.22 assists per game and seventh with 0.53 aces per game.

Henning finishes her career ranked second on the College's All-time Career Assist's list, with 2,355 assists, and eighth in career aces (122).

"I worked really hard over my four years to earn my position and prove myself on the court; that's what I'm personally most proud of," said Henning. "This season though, I think that winning the Buttermaker Tournament, which we host every year, was definitely one of the most memorable moments."

Henning is a Psychology major and Business Administration minor and hopes to work for a marketing research firm after graduation.

Graduating as the College's All-Time Career Kills leader with 1,793 kills, **Senior co-Captain Julie Lauro** has proven herself a force on the court in the Centennial Conference. She finished her collegiate career last Friday, in the

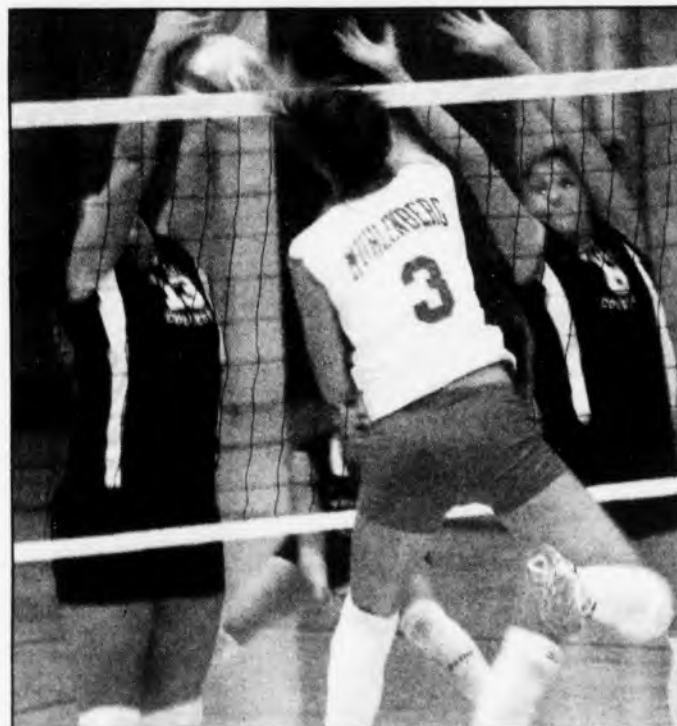
team's win versus Washington College, with a double-double, recording 19 kills and 16 digs.

Before arriving at the College, Lauro was named first-team All-North Jersey at Ramapo High School in Wyckoff, N.J. and played for the Cut Shot Volleyball Club.

As a freshman, Lauro became the first player ever to receive All-Region honors and the only freshman to be named All-Conference first team. She led the team in kills (446) and in kills/game (3.57) and was second in hitting percentage (.255), digs (285), blocks (68) and aces (41).

In 2003, Lauro was named first team All-Conference and led the Conference in kills/game (4.3). She also was first on the team in kills (507) and hitting percentage (.232), ranked second in digs (435) and blocks (51), and third in aces (46).

As a junior, Lauro continued to shatter records; she was the first player from the College to be named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America team. She also was named to the All-Conference and All-Region



Senior Julie Lauro was just named to the Centennial Conference First Team All-Conference.

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first teams and won the team MVP award. Lauro notched 187 kills and 5.5 kills/game in Conference matches, leading the Conference. Her overall 4.99 kills/game ranked 11th in the NCAA DIII. She finished first on the team in hitting percentage (.254), blocks (52), and second in digs (191).

Lauro ends her career in second place on the CC All-time Career Kill list and second in career digs at the College with 1,326, behind Senior Jen Weist (1,385).

Lauro is the third player in the College's history to tally 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career.

With many highlights throughout her career, Lauro claims a moment from sophomore year as most memorable. "Beating Franklin and Marshall College with such a young team was so exciting. It was such a surprise in the Conference."

A Communication major, Art History minor, Lauro wants to enter advertising after graduation.

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Season closes with two losses

By Kate Alford

WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After playing 16 games, the Mules' season has come to an end. The team played their final two games this week. The first was an away game against Moravian College on Wed., Oct. 26.

Defense played an incredibly powerful game. Out of all seven shots on goal made by the Greyhounds, Senior Katie Amari, Sophomore Maura Hendsey and Freshmen Heather Scudellari fended off all but two shots.

Moravian was able to sneak two shots past the defense and junior goalie Shauna Henley. The first goal was made about midway through the first half. Their second goal was made early on in the second half. The Mules kept fighting but just couldn't get a shot into the net. Their game against Moravian was left at a 2-0 score.

The Mules finished out their season with an intense home game against Ursinus College on Sat., Oct. 29. Once again, the team was able to prove their ability and strength throughout this entire game. All of the

Mules played aggressively by constantly stepping up to the ball and putting pressure on the Bears.

Junior Kayla Boisvert, the goalie that has been starting all season, was injured last weekend in the game against Washington College, so Henley started in the game on Saturday.

Henley made an impressive 14 saves in this game. She is the Mules' player with the highest saves since 1997.

Hendsey said, "She played amazingly. It was great to see her come out of the net to get shots."

Henley was a key player during the game and helped to lead the Mules to a great final match.

The starting defense line-up of Amari, Hendsey and Scudellari once again played an incredible game. Together with Henley, they helped to fend off Ursinus' 20 shots on goal.

Senior Amy Schmidt, Junior Maria Tranguch, Junior Kristen Cioeta, Junior Andrea Dello Russo and Sophomore Sara Gearin were the midfield players during Saturday's game.

All day they fed passes to the offense. Offense had



Sophomore Katie Rhodes dribbles the ball away from defenders but Mules fall in double overtime.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

many great opportunities and sent ten shots into the Bear's scoring zone. Juniors Elana Rabinowitz and Emily Nealis, Sophomore Meghan Francis and Freshmen Emily Burritt had great plays during the game.

These forward players were given great support by the defense and midfielders. They took shots on goal, most coming just inches

away from the net.

The Mules passed cooperatively and worked well with each other. They connected on the field better in this game than any other game this season.

The team fought through two agonizing scoreless halves to bring the game to an overtime ending.

With only six minutes left in the overtime period a

penalty was called on the Mules. This gave Ursinus a direct kick. The ball slipped by and the first goal of the game was scored. The Bears took the win over the College, 1-0.

The women's soccer team concluded with a solid record of 4-10-2. Their overall Centennial Conference record for the year concluded at 3-6-1.

Mules gallop to fourth and fifth

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the men's and women's cross country teams finished in the top half of the Centennial Conference Championships. This past Saturday's meet ended with the teams in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

This year marks the sixth year in a row that the men finished in the top four. The College had eight runners in the top 40 with Juniors Lex Mercado and Steve Rothwell taking the 14th and 15th spots.

The fourth place team finish is deceiving, however. The final placing was not clear until judges posted the final scoring; the Mules were merely one point out of third place.

For the women, Senior Karen

Mount finished fourth, which is the best finish by a College runner in the Championships since 1993.

The College's fifth place finish is the second best of the program's existence, one place below last year's record. The next seven finishers after Mount were sophomores and freshmen, showing that the women have a bright

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future ahead of them. "Our fourth place finish is an indication that we could run with those teams [Dickinson and Swarthmore], and the close score reflects that," said Mercado. "At Regionals, hopefully we can step up again and challenge those teams again as well as other top teams around the region."

The NCAA Mideast Regional is hosted by Dickinson for Sat., Nov. 12, at 11 a.m.

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Mules score a final victory

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The College's field hockey team finished off their season with a 3-1 win against Washington College on Saturday.

Two of the four seniors on the team, Katie Thomas and Steph Light, combined to score the final goal of the game, ending their collegiate career on a high note.

The Mules had a 14-7 advantage in shots and held the lead for the second half.

Junior LisaAnn Polt scored the first with only eight minutes left to play in the first half, she got a loose ball in the circle a few yards from the cage and deflected the ball in to score her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

"It was great to end with a win. We really wanted to pull it together for the seniors in our last game, and we did. We worked well together and our passes were on," said Polt. "As for the season, our

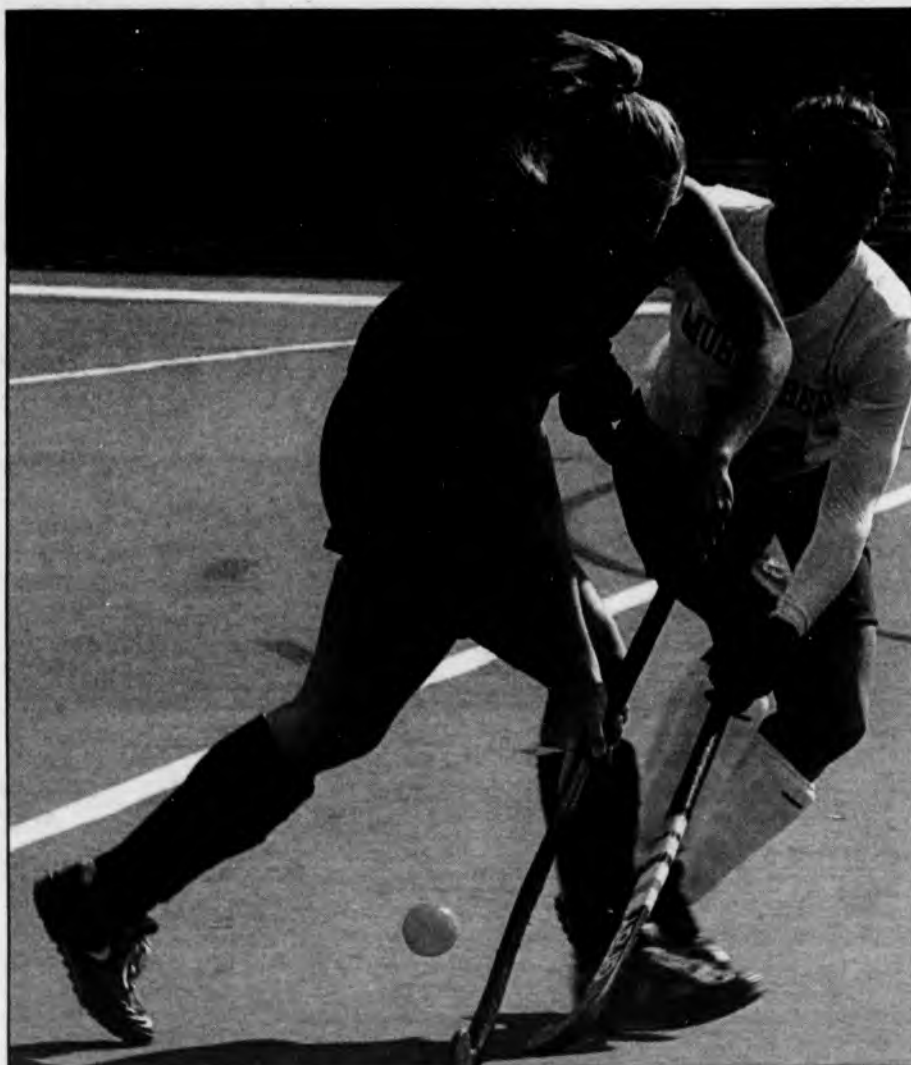
record did not reflect the talent on our team. We were such a close-knit team and had great ability and depth. We just had trouble putting everything together and finishing."

The Mules expanded their lead to 2-0 early in the second half when Sophomore Kelly Shetron scored off a penalty corner. Her shot went straight in to the far board, making it nearly impossible for Washington College to stop the shot.

Sophomore Nikki Rhoads had the assist on the goal. Rhoads also made a defensive save midway through the half, but Washington eventually scored with about 12 minutes left.

The final goal was Light's second career goal, and it was scored directly off a corner sweep from Thomas. "Although we didn't make it to playoffs, this final victory made the ending sweet but sad at the same time. It will be hard to say goodbye," said Light.

FIELD HOCKEY



Sophomore Nikki Rhoads jabs the ball away to lead her team to a 3-1 victory.

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as they had a 23-7 advantage in shots.

Speaking about the win, Sophomore Karim Assous said, "This game meant a lot because it gives us the potential to start a run for the playoffs. Scoring three goals was a great confidence

builder and hopefully we can use it to jumpstart us before next weekend."

"The win was also a good capping off for the seniors, a good game to end the season and their four year journey," Assous said.

Regarding the game against Swarthmore College scheduled for Saturday at McDaniel, Assous added, "We beat Swarthmore once, and we can do it again."

Mules rally to a strong finale

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After a 1-1 tie after two sets, the Mules took control against Washington College to defeat them, 3-1, ending their season with a win.

The Mules came out strong with a 30-19 win in the first set, but fell in the second set 23-30. With the game tied up at one apiece, the Mules put on a strong showing to win the third and fourth sets 30-22 and 30-28, respectively.

On the last point of the game, Senior Mary Henning set up Senior Julie Lauro. Lauro graduates as the College's all-time kills leader with 1,793 and Henning finished second in the College's history with 2,355 assists. Lauro was also the first in College history to amass 1,300 kills and digs. Senior Jen Wiest also set records of her own. She had 1,385 digs for her career, the most in College history, while Lauro sits in second with 1,326.

Sophomore Jess Anselmi had 15 kills

in the match, while Junior Kate Haggerty posted 14 kills for the second straight game and served up five aces. The Mules posted 13 aces and still leads the Centennial Conference in aces per game.

Junior Monica Sella led the defense with six blocks. The team had a final record of 12-16 and 4-6 in the Conference. With a young team with players ready to step up, they will look to improve on that record and next year make a trip to the Conference playoffs.

"I feel like we ended the season on a strong note," said Junior Courtney Williams. "We showed our true potential because even though we knew that making it to Conferences wasn't a possibility, we stayed competitive. We played for the love of the game."

The team appreciates the seniors for their commitment and leadership. "Our seniors were extraordinary leaders on and off the court," said Williams. "They will truly be missed next year."

VOLLEYBALL



Senior Jon Roman heads the ball into the net to score his first career goal.

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Final season win earns playoff berth



Sophomore Jonathan Kilewer charged down the field to give the Mules an offensive surge.

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By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With the end of their collegiate soccer careers on the line Saturday night, the eight seniors on the men's soccer team clinched a playoff berth and the promise of at least one more game with their 3-1 victory over Ursinus College.

Seniors Joe Benner, James Henshaw, Chris King, Adam Milberg, Matt Pitetti, Jose Ramirez, Jon Roman and Ryan Smallwood, who were all honored before the game, compiled a record of 50-20-4 in their four years together.

Thanks to Dickinson College's win over Gettysburg College, the Mules avoided a mid-week game between the fourth and fifth seed. The College is seeded third and will face second-seeded Swarthmore College on Saturday at

McDaniel College.

Early in the game, King scored his Conference-leading tenth goal of the season off of a cross from Sophomore Jonathan Kliewer.

Shortly after, Ursinus tied it up on a one-on-one against sophomore goal-keeper Peter Bennett.

Late in the first half, two corner kicks taken by Ramirez sealed the game.

The first was a shot that curved around the front post and into the net. The second corner kick came just two minutes later and was headed in by Roman, tallying his first career goal.

Ramirez's assist was his team-leading sixth of the season and the ninth of his collegiate career. The goal was his third of the season and the 17th of his collegiate career.

The entire game was dominated by the College,

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By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College lost their second game in a row when they were defeated by Gettysburg College, 10-3, on Saturday. Once again, they were hurt by penalties. They now stand 3-5, 2-3 in the Centennial Conference.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Mules were on the board with a score of 3-0. Sophomore Jordan Grube tied his longest career kick with a 42-yard field goal. The College held the lead for the rest of the half.

In the third quarter, the Mule defense allowed for a 75-yard touch-down run. With 4:51 left in the third quarter, the Bullets moved past the Mules with a 7-3 score. With 6:53 left in the game, Gettysburg gave their lead a boost with a field goal.

The Mules were able to gain a chance to score against the Bullets on their final drive. Left at first-and-goal from the eight-yard-line, However, the team failed to capitalize; they were held back by three incomplete passes and a sack.

The defense did its job, holding Gettysburg to only eight first downs. They also forced 12 punts. Sophomore Dustin Good had nine tackles and a sack.

Senior Dan McCall had a repeat interception-mirroring last week's game. The Mules have been consistently hurt by penalties in the last two games. Saturday they walked away with seven penalties and a loss of 60 yards.

The Mules play against McDaniel College this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium.

FOOTBALL



Senior Tom Wargacki holds off defenders this play but his effort was not enough to give the Mules the win.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

Mules can't get past the Bullets

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Becky Grace to join Office of Residential Services

By Jessie Huston
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Starting in December, there will be some changes in the Office of Residential Services (ORS) and the Student Activities Office. Becky Grace is resigning as the Director of Student Activities and joining ORS as the Assistant Director of Residential Education and Student Conduct.

Beverly MacEwan will step up from her position as Assistant Director of Student Activities and become the Director. MacEwan has worked at the College for 23 years, and completed her degree here.

Grace has been a main contributor in the organization of fifteen Family Weekends and eleven concerts through the years. She has been working for the College for the past 20 years and worked in ORS prior to Student Activities. Grace also runs the

Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC).

MacEwan said, "I never said this job will be a piece of cake." However, she does not believe there will be any changes as far as how the office is run. She believes she has a lot to learn before she masters her new job. MacEwan said, "I'm excited, I'm honored and I have big shoes to fill."

Among students on the MAC board there seemed to be a general agreement that Grace's change was a complete surprise. They didn't know she was thinking of leaving as Director of Student Activities.

Sabrina Krum '06, Vice President of MAC, said, "We were really surprised. We didn't have any idea that Becky was interested in the position. But we love Bev and we know she'll do a fabulous job."

As for her feelings towards Grace's switch, Krum explained, "We all

said we'd support her for her decision."

Alex Corgan '08, presidential nominee in the upcoming MAC election and Resident Liaison (RL) for Residential Services, agrees with Krum. "When I first found out, I was shocked. Becky is a huge part of Student Activities."

"Once we found out it was for the better, I was happy." Corgan said, "As sad as it is to see Becky go there's no better person to fill her role than Bev."

Corgan and the other MAC members seem to understand Grace's feelings about the change. Grace said, "I think they know personally that I'm ready to switch."

Switching from one office to another on campus will be an adjustment but Grace looks forward to working with the Resident Advisors and with the Residence Hall

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The Center for Ethics awarded grant

By Will Trevethick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Center for Ethics recently received recognition for its "outstanding" work in the field of liberal arts in the form of a substantial grant. The Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation

awarded the grant to the Center. The grant will consist of a \$172,500 endowment that will be paid in installments over the next three years, as well as some expendable funds to support the Center while the endow-

ment is established.

The Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation supports original thought in liberal arts education. One and a half

We can all be proud of our college and the center--I hope we will rededicate ourselves to its work.

President Helm

I was tremendously impressed with the Center's current and past work and powerful future potential

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Youth & Prejudice Conference enlightens students

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The 13th Annual Youth and Prejudice Conference was held on Tues., Nov. 8 at the College. Over the course of the two days, there were around 600 middle school students from the Lehigh Valley region who attended, with around 350 in attendance on Tuesday. Patty Carlis, Program Coordinator of the Theatre & Dance/Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding (IJCU), was in charge of the days events. The two day event was sponsored by the IJCU at the College as well as the Jewish Federation of Lehigh Valley (JFLV).

Christine M. Bartholomew, Administrative Assistant at the IJCU, was in charge of

the logistics for the Conference.

The Conference, a two day learning experience, centered on the themes of hate, prejudice and discrimination. "The students are introduced, from the very beginning of the day [to] the play *The Library*, what it means to feel different," Carlis said.

The Library is a play which was developed by students from the College in 2000. It's inspired by a true story told by accounts of survivors. It talks about growing up in the 1930s in Nazi Germany, and what it was like to be different. It shows the impact of different laws that were set into place, such as the Nuremberg Laws, and their impact on peoples lives

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Becky Grace will leave the Student Activities Office this December to become part of the Office of Residential Services.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

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The College will remain in a state of Grace

As the leaves begin to turn and the semester quickly approaches that time when students are frantically realizing that the due dates for papers and projects that had seemed so far away in August are nearly here, it is obvious that changes are occurring at the College. One such change is something that surprised many people and will have a significant affect on both the students and events here at the College. Becky Grace has served faithfully as Director of Student Activities for many years and recently announced that she is leaving that position for a new opportunity in the Office of Residential Services as Assistant Director of Residential Education and Student Conduct (see pg. 1). We believe we speak for the majority of the College Community when we say that while we are sad to see her leave as Director of Student Activities, we are happy that Grace will remain with the College and continue her legacy of hard work and dedication.

Grace's job as Director of Student Activities is a job that requires a lot of work, coupled with stress and frustration, and it is something for which we believe she doesn't receive enough credit and thanks. This is our moment to say thank you. When we look back at our time here at the College, we know that every weekend there was an abundance of activities and that many professional acts have performed here at our small corner of Allentown because of Grace and her staff. This is an obvious demonstration of their hard work for us, the students of the College. We are excited by the prospect of Beverly MacEwan stepping up to Director of Student Activities, because with her long career here at the College and her genuine excitement for the new opportunity, we are sure that the high level of quality will remain.

We also believe that hiring these two women to these respective positions was a very smart decision on the behalf of the College. Both of these women have served the College for many years; we believe that with their knowledge of the College and the proof of their dedication and loyalty, they will make excellent leaders in these new roles and continue to greatly benefit the College. We wish both women the best of luck in their new endeavors and are excited to see what new changes will occur when they occupy their new positions.

Hard news has gone soft

Paul DeMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Short of the wheel, I believe that T.V. is the greatest device that has ever been created in the history of mankind. Entire days can be spent on that comfortable couch/futon in your living room watching program after program. Today, with innovations such as satellite and digital cable, it is more difficult to find nothing to watch than it is to find a four-leafed clover. Tragically, in recent years television has undergone somewhat of a metamorphosis. The T.V. programming landscape has been blitzkrieged by reality. Seemingly gone are the days of the old sitcom characters we loved to laugh at and in their place are reality T.V. "stars". For some god-forsaken reason, network execu-

tives have come to the determination that filming the vapid existences of people of whose lives are completely devoid of any interesting content whatsoever is worthy primetime material (I give you Exhibit A, *Laguna Beach*). I have more of an emotional investment in the paper towels I use than these people. We need something to reinvigorate T.V. programming. Something that is hard hitting and actually watchable. What we need is something like, say, another Morton Downey, Jr. show.

For those of you who are not familiar with who Morton Downey, Jr. is, allow me to fill you in. The talk show host of *The Morton Downey Jr. Show* from the late 80s, he was quite possibly the loudest,

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Effective October 22, with the full knowledge of the Board of Trustees, Muhlenberg College officially added the words "gender identity" to its non-discrimination policy. The addition of this wording does not mean that Muhlenberg had failed to protect anyone from discrimination based on gender identity in the past, but rather reflects the College's responsiveness to a student's request that the policy language be amended. The College has a history of providing a supportive environment, and continues to encourage a climate of mutual respect, for all students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus. As the College's EEO [Equal Opportunities Officer], it was distressing to me to read an article alleging that the College allows discrimination on any basis; more disturbing was the fact that this article was published after President Helm had informed Adrian Shanker of the College's plan

Gender ID article unwarranted

to voluntarily incorporate the requested language into its policy. I am at a loss to explain why Mr. Shanker portrays this as a battle against an uncooperative administration when the facts show otherwise.

President Helm and his senior staff have been nothing but supportive of Mr. Shanker's request to add language specifying gender identity as a protected category in the College's non-discrimination policy. After meeting with Mr. Shanker, who had asked about changing wording in the Student Handbook, President Helm held discussions with his senior staff on the topic, sought legal

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Culturally dejected in a polarized America

Dan McClung
Op-Ed Editor

I should have been a European. I'm not particularly fond of money, time is not particularly important to me, I eat my largest meal in the middle of the day and I'd rather take public transportation than drive. I've often been asked whether politics fits into my geographic dejection, yet it seems to me to be more inherently cultural.

This posture seems to be a trend among castaway liberals, at least those whom I've come in contact with. "Canada" seems to be subconsciously on everyone's minds and it was certainly the lamentation that we moaned amongst ourselves last November.

Clearly those threats of taking flight never materialized, as pleasing as the idea may have sounded or however seriously we took it. Canada became an idea--a consolation--like some sort of placebo tranquilizer, whether anyone really knew the place or not.

I suppose a country in which the most extensive political malady involves a comparatively minor advertising scandal can't help but seem alluring these days. The country has freedoms and elbow room that we can't even remotely dream to see here yet considering our evangelists and our "families" with their

hand-me-down "values."

Then of course there's Europe. A friend of mine tends to escape there when she's had enough of this place and I can't deny that I would be happy to do the same. There is a pace there with which my body seems to correspond.

Despite all my notions of Imperial America and its policies, it seems that it is the bustle of this place that I really feel compelled to get away from. It looks like my current scholastic path has me on a

course towards a doctorate and a teaching position somewhere, which will keep me far from the corporate gift bag that makes this country so marvelous for so many of those morally upright "successful" folk. With its tea times, good wine, liberal minds, art, culture, music and culinary potential, it seems like the perfect permanent escape.

Then again, would my cultural identity in that foreign place simply be that of an uprooted emigrant perpetually in search of peace?

I suppose my notion of escape takes the form of a utopian arcadia of solitude, unbooked time and some sort of peace. It is a conceptual vision of a geographical niche, a plot of land in which I can truly stay put for a moment and just simply regard everything.

America tends to create its own

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Can a person "turn off" their sense of self and their duty to their culture?



Identity & Race

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

There has always been controversy in African-American studies: where do the rights to teach us lie? Who should teach it? On what authority can anybody teach and understand it, Black or White? Wouldn't a White professor have a certain sort of distance from the subject or would this distance translate into coldness and disrespect? Doesn't the key to being a leader lie in an innate ability to understand people? How can you empathize with a situation that you will never find

yourself in? All these concerns and more have been raised over the years, however, and they are not just confined to race relations. These questions also arise in the discussion of gender and religious studies. What kind of qualifications then, does one need to be able to impart knowledge?

I am having trouble writing this article because my societal identity is Black. I feel that I can't talk about Black people because I live it and there is no distance, no separation between the subject matter of my articles and what I live. How can you study something if you can't see the whole picture? How can a finite being study an identity that is infinite?

It is easy to lose your Blackness in a crowd of Black people. When does your racial identity have time to recharge? It is very hard to be "on" all of the time. Recently, one of my friends asked me, when does the "Acacia" turn off? In this case, I know he was talking about my strong personality, but I would like to think that I'm not who I am because of the color of my

skin. I think I am "on" the most when I am most conscious of my race. I am most conscious of my race when I notice I am different. Some of the facets of my personality stem from my perceptions, not the perceptions of others. Which is not to say that what people think doesn't matter, but perhaps the racial isolation we all experience starts in our own minds.

The truth be told, when I am around Black people is when I feel the least Black. It's not that I feel more or less like myself, or who I imagine I am, it's just I am able to rest because there is no pressure to perform. It's funny how I have to reassure myself and my Blackness more with Black people, than I do with White people. Perhaps it is because there is no definition of what it means to be either Black or White, that is, there is an economic, societal and religious definition, only a caricature, not an actual character.

The ritual of education is highly ceremonial,

so where does the individuality of being Black come in in its statistics? Which majors cater to this disaster, what types of studies exacerbate this topic? In the classroom, where does one cease to be either White or Black? My friend tells me that when you feel comfortable talking about race, then it disappears, but isn't that just as dangerous as studying it all the time?

I have come to realize that there is a unique difference between learning and talking. When you feel at peace enough with yourself to ask questions, and not make assumptions, race just doesn't matter. It doesn't matter in the way that there is a deeper connection. Our media guides us to specific conclusions about each other and, in its manipulation, our American culture loses its privacy and identity. Only when the desire to form a truer union is nurtured, over the want to discount creative individuality in favor of superficial simi-

larities, can knowledge be passed from hand to hand with any sense of integrity.

Maya Angelou, in her poem, "Reverses", from her book *Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well* says:

"How often must we/Butt to head/Mind to ass/Flank to nuts/Cock to elbow/Hip to toe/Soul to shoulder/Confront ourselves in our past."

I believe she is challenging us to let go of all our preconceived notions. We all have a past, yes, and our families have pasts, in that latent time a part of our personalities will always be stuck. This is the nature of the beast, but because we live and then we die, our very bodies are accustomed and open to change. The very ritual of being born lies in our ability to create, and in that originality the humdrum ritual can be set aside, as a backbone, something to come back to, but not to take along. Acknowledge where you came from and from whom, but don't live it.

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counterculture and flourishing artistic movements and epicenters by setting off conservatism clouds to obscure anything from progressing anywhere. It creates the fight against itself, and--now more than ever--exists on two plains. Polarized, it seems to function merely on its ability to teeter between two extremes while carrying the weight of the middle-ground stagnance.

Out of those balances and imbalances have risen some of the most significant literary and artistic works of the last five centuries. I suppose the plight of the oppressed and jilted provides some fertile ground for reactionary artistic and

literary responses.

It is unclear whether my idealistic escapism, or that of my peers, will ultimately be an attainable level of ideological and cultural comfort. I exist as a reaction--a counter to the established complacencies of an increasingly fragile empire. If I escape, then I wonder what significance I will retain.

Ultimately, as much as I may want to disassociate with the place ideologically, I am an American. I was born in this country. Though I may be on a bicycle amidst a boscage of SUVs and converted military vehicles, I still exist as an element of a cultural framework. To deny my association with this country is to negate the opposing force that fashioned my avidity.

When Pierce Brosnan decides to kill off Mrs. Doubtfire in the sequel, who will be there to say "no, Pierce, no?"

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opinion on the implications and advisability of changing the language of the policy, had senior staff members identify where the non-discrimination policy appears beyond the Student Handbook and shared the proposed change in wording with the Board of Trustees with the full support of senior staff. Less than seven weeks after President Helm met with Mr. Shanker, at the first meeting of the Board for this academic year, Board members were informed of the administration's decision to revise the non-discrimination policy language of the College. Not a word of disagreement was raised. How this expeditious action could be perceived as "playing politics with justice" is beyond me.

For a review of case law regarding gender identity discrimination, visit <http://www.transgender-law.org/cases/index.htm>. This site reveals that protection from gender identity discrimination has been pursued (and cases won) based on provisions of non-discrimination policies related to sex, sexual orientation and disability. Because law-

suits successfully utilize these other non-discrimination categories to protect against gender identity discrimination, specific wording regarding gender identity was not required to protect Muhlenberg students, faculty or staff from gender identity discrimination. However, having been asked to include this wording--and wanting to be clear about the College's commitment to this protection--the College is voluntarily adding the words "gender identity" to non-discrimination policy statements all across campus.

As the College's non-discrimination policy is included in a variety of documents with different shelf lives, from student and employee handbooks to application forms and departmental websites, the revised language will appear over time. In the meantime, as Muhlenberg's EEO Officer, I want to be sure there is no mistaking the College's position: Muhlenberg College has not in the past and will not in the future discriminate based on gender identity.

Sincerely,
Anne W. Speck
Vice President for
Human Resources

Even in college, tragedy is never an impossibility

Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

A phone call. That's all it takes to forget the work that has to be done; to make important obligations trivial.

On Nov. 2, my phone rang. My former teammate, my former *Weekly* co-Editor and, most importantly, my present and future friend got into a car accident that left her in the Intensive Care Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital. What was worse was finding out she went through emergency brain surgery and was left in a drug-induced coma as a result.

In the midst of the life we students create for ourselves at the College, we often turn our attention away from the idea that at any time we, or someone we know, could be the victim of a disease, crime or accident. Whether we take precautions to prevent most of these situations, most of the time they are out of our hands. The non-smoker who never surrounded himself

or herself with second-hand smoke still gets lung cancer. The people that used protection during sex and question their partners about their sex history still get STDs. Even though taking precautions increases odds of a longer and healthier life, they do not eliminate bad things from happening. Doing everything we're "supposed" to be doing does not work every time.

Horrible events don't pick out particular people, either. Whether you are on the Dean's List for eight straight semesters, a dedicated slacker, the leading scorer on the College's lacrosse team or an expert stink-bug catcher, horrific events do not pick and choose. Did Hurricane Katrina pick New Orleans? Did Timothy McVeigh ask for resumes before targeting the Alfred P.

Murrah Federal Building? These are extreme cases, but we take chances with our lives every day. We are not even safe sleeping in our beds. A student rolled off the top bunk last year and went to the hospital.

Unfortunately, an incident that hits close or directly is sometimes our only reminder of reality. Besides the anxiety, sadness and emptiness I felt after that five-minute phone conversation, I knew people felt similarly to how I did while those who are much closer to her than I am took those emotions to higher levels. The College's prayer service showed this the day after her accident as approximately 200 students, faculty and family members sat in the chapel's pews.

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Her relationships to people in the chapel brought out emotions and a bite from reality in the service just as it had the night I received the phone call. That night my classwork was placed second for perhaps the first time this semester. Instead,

I took off my away message and talked to friends I've neglected and I smiled. We were all online for the first time since high school. Would we be online tomorrow?

I am not suggesting that we drop all obligations we have or divide the "Berg Bubble" into several thousand individual bubbles, but I do suggest to just acknowledge reality once in awhile and appreciate your surroundings. Enjoy the pleasures in life to the point that the life you worked for isn't jeopardized. Recognize and appreciate the sun being out that day. Or the first snowfall. Think twice before turning down that one cookie. Turn five study minutes into five friend minutes. You never know, you may add one more smile to your life that wouldn't have been there before.

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most confrontational and abrasive host to ever grace the televised world. He is often credited with pioneering the "trash" talk show format made famous in the '90s by people such as Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones, though he himself was never a big fan of such a label. A typical show would consist of this: Mort would come out, start chain smoking, then proceed to yell about something and eventually the guests would come out to talk and debate with him.

The guests were courteously greeted by having Mort the Mouth, as they called him, get inches from their face, yell and scream over them and blow smoke in their faces if they were pissing him off. He would often refer to guests who disagreed with him as "scum" or "sleaze" and would tell them to "zip it!"

Ultimately, after the guest had received a verbal beatdown, Mort would sometimes kick them off the show to the delight of the crowd, who loved seeing him at his seething best. It might have been politically incorrect, but people loved him for it. One show involved him getting in a physical fight with a gay rights activist, and one of the most

famous episodes involved a physical altercation between Roy Innes and Al Sharpton, which escalated into an onstage fist-fight between members of the two guest's respective entourages.

The show was cancelled after only three seasons and Mort sadly passed away in 2001. Since then no one has picked up the torch. While there have been debate shows with loud and abrasive guests and a plethora of "trash" T.V. shows have ensued, none of them can hold a candle to the Morton Downey, Jr. show. No one can compare to the "in your face" attitude that made him hated, but, more importantly, respected. Where has the stone cold attitude of the press gone off to? Now is the perfect opportunity for such a show to make an emergence. Someone needs to give T.V. programming a kick in the you-know-where and set it straight again.

In the movie *Michael Collins*, the true story of the Irish revolutionary at the turn of the 20th century, Liam Neeson stands in front of a large crowd and asks the crowd that if he were to be killed, "Who will take my place?" I have the same question for aspiring talk show hosts and hopefully someone will answer the call.

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for enriching interdisciplinary value-centered dialogue at Muhlenberg," Helm said.

The awarding of a grant is not as simple as asking for it; the institution has to prove itself worthy of receiving the money. Deb Kipp, Assistant VP-Corporate, Foundation & Government Relations Development & Alumni Relations, said, "There are many more institutions vying for money than there are foundations awarding grants, and the foundations have to be very careful of who they give money to, because there are a lot of unethical institutions who will not use the money the way they have said they would. Muhlenberg, however, has shown a very strong reputation of stewarding funds well."

During the time when The Center for Ethics was being considered for the grant, Susan Kassouf, a senior member of the Christian A. Johnson Foundation, visited the campus for a day and a half. During her visit, she attended classes and interviewed students and faculty, making sure that the Center was deserving of the grant.

The faculty involved in the Center are very pleased with the grant that was awarded. "It is an exciting validation of the work of our Center for Ethics and its powerful role in integrating liberal learning from a number of disciplines around important ethical questions," Helm said of the faculty's work.

Lisa Perfetti, Associate Professor of French and

Director of the Center of Ethics, said, "There is a great sense of confirmation and a lot of excitement for being recognized for doing unique work for the College."

The endowment will be accompanied by some expendable funds that can be used immediately by the Center. "This grant is going to be used to support the Center's programming and also to offer more options for future programs," said Perfetti. There are no immediate plans for what kind of programs the new money will allow, but according to Perfetti, the future looks bright.

Since the establishment of the Center for Ethics in 1994, it has never received such a substantial grant. This will help the Center for Ethics because now they will not have to look for funds every year. The grant money will be used to fund the Center's themes for the future. This year's theme is The Ethics and Politics of Identity. Past themes ranged from

Sustainable Communities to Disease: Representation, Research and Rights. Helm said, "It is tremendously encouraging to receive this kind of external endorsement of the College and the Center from a foundation that understands excellence and innovation in the liberal arts that has only recently become acquainted with Muhlenberg."

The grant is a substantial achievement for the College, and especially for the Center of the Ethics. Helm said, "We can all be proud of our college and the center—I hope we will all rededicate ourselves to its work."

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Association (RHA).

Since Grace already knows the ORS staff, she believes the transition "will be easy. They'll help me and the RAs will help me."

Aaron Bova, the Associate Director of Residential Services, said, "We've worked very closely to Becky through the years and it's going to be awesome." Bova is expecting Grace's past experience to be an asset to her new position in ORS. "She'll bring a new energy and expand our experience with

outside activities."

Katy Mangold, Residence Coordinator, agreed, "She will draw a whole new group of candidates who know her as a person and want to work with her." Mangold feels that Grace will contribute a great amount in terms of the relationship she has with students around campus. Because of her experience with the MAC, most of the students already know her.

Grace knows she made the right decision even if it was a difficult one to make. Grace said, "It's not like I'm going to work any less hard."

Linguists help celebrate the "Year of Languages"

By Kristina Snader
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Nov. 3, classrooms in Ettinger Hall became temporary international bakeries--tables covered with fruit, biscotti, European chocolate pastries and other *dolci* (Italian for "sweets")--during "The Year of Languages" symposium hosted by the College. Many events were planned, including paper and poster presentations made by students and a lecture by Dr. Terry Osborn of the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Ct.

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) has declared 2005 to be "The Year of Languages." This year, multiple conferences and symposiums have been scheduled in elementary and secondary schools, postsecondary organizations and other local, state and national establishments throughout America.

ACTFL wishes to concentrate on the benefits of understanding other cultures and languages from around the world, and hopes to promote the learning of foreign languages in the United States other than English.

In conducting symposiums around America,

ACTFL looks forward to furthering their message to the youth of America: to learn a language other than English so relationships with countries around the world can be established.

The program committee

had been selected by their professors to present interdisciplinary papers and posters to the community.

Zanchettin said, "The best part [of the symposium] was the presentations that the students did. They



Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Lindsay Galvan, Daniel Skoczylas and Erica Sutherland celebrate "Year of Languages."

PHOTO BY MIRNA TRAUGER

for the Nov. 3 symposium was headed by Eileen Ketchum, Assistant Professor of French, along with her colleagues Flor Maria Buitrago, Spanish Lecturer, and Santa Zanchettin, Lecturer of French, Italian and Spanish. The symposium participants, consisting mostly of students majoring or minoring in language studies, were from the College, Lafayette College and Moravian College. These students

were really top-knotch."

Jamie Schneider '08, said, "It was a lot of hard work, but I hope I can take my paper to more professional conferences."

Carolyn Ciarrocchi '06, a French major, gave another presentation which focused on how French businesses work in communion with their local and international communities. Ciarrocchi said, "I thought the presen-

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Three students go over their notes at the Language Symposium.

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tations were fascinating. It was nice hearing other languages besides French, because I have not been exposed to other cultures and languages as often."

Ciariocchi had also been present during Osborn's key-note speech on "Advocating Language Education in a Market Economy," and thought that Osborn's lecture was informative in explaining the uses of foreign languages in international business.

"The Year of Languages" symposium turned out to be a huge success, with faculty, students and community members agreeing that the ACTFL's message was clear: language is important to everyone's life, and

should be incorporated more strongly into the national learning curriculum of America.

In addition to "The Year of Languages" symposium, the College was visited by Bob Gambino, the mayor of Vinci, Italy, and a group of dignitaries a little over a week ago. They had been asked to attend the opening of the Da Vinci Discovery Center, located on Cedar Crest Boulevard, because Allentown and Vinci are international sister cities. The community welcomed 21 visitors, including the mayor, the director of the Da Vinci library, two professors and six students, along with other members of City Council. These visitors were housed by locals in Allentown, and had scheduled a visit to the College during their

five day stay.

During their visit to the College, the group was given a tour of the campus, had lunch with some of the College's faculty members from the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and observed an Intermediate Italian class in the afternoon. "They loved Muhlenberg," said Zanehettin. "What they enjoyed most was the layout of the campus and the friendliness of students and faculty."

The presence of the Italian visitors on the College campus was one more indicator of how the importance of language is stressed at the College and how Allentown and the College work in communion to enhance the idea of international allies in America's communities.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

SPEAKER

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growing up.

The theme of the play and the Conference is not focused on the 'high' point of the Holocaust, or any other period, yet it focuses on the gradual development up to that point.

Shannon Lambert-Ryan '04, an original cast member when the play was first produced, is still active in the Conference. She currently serves as a speaker and facilitator for the two days.

She said "it is tremendous to be involved, having created this production from the start and [seeing] it grow and blossom for almost seven years. The message still stands, what you can do to make the world a better place for humanity."

"Throughout the day, the theme of why we study history and what it means is brought to attention to the students. It is important that the phrase "Never Again" is something with importance, not just words. The past must be linked to the present if there will be a future," Carlis said.

For the rest of the day, the students were broken up into various smaller groups throughout the campus. The plays, one put on by each group, were led by facilitators from many different walks of life: College professors, survivors from the Holocaust and students. Students were asked to




remember the theme that in the larger context, 'they may be only one person, but to one person you may be the whole world.'

"Hatred is still continuing throughout today's world," said Lambert-Ryan. "It is important to acknowledge that one individual can make a huge difference. Whether it is helping someone in need, or standing up for someone, the little things make the big differences. The individual plays a great deal on a large stage."

Carlis said, "It is not without the participation of the students [who came from various schools, such as private Catholic schools and public schools] throughout the years to have had this program develop, and grow into such a success. Their willingness to participate makes this Conference very effective."

Concluding Tuesday's events, Jeanette Eichenwald, a child of survivors of the Holocaust, addressed the students. She focused on how today's children will make a better world for tomorrow and how the future is in their hands. It was important that the world her father dreamed about, with goodness, kindness and justice for all, becomes a reality. "Evil and killings of other human beings because of religion, race, and orientation is something that can never happen again," said Eichenwald.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 29	High: 58 Low: 35	High: 60 Low: 42

OFF CAMPUS

Gallery in Allentown takes a historical perspective

The Historical Society is showing a new exhibit at their new home at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Center on Walnut Street in Allentown. The exhibit covers the history of Allentown and Lehigh County from the time of the Lenape Indians, the first residents, to the present.

A once infamous Lehigh County German couple, the Balliets, are featured in many of the portraits. The society is very proud of the portraits and feel honored to keep them in the building for others to appreciate.

Another exhibit opening at the museum is a rare holiday toy exhibit which features toys made by the Dent Hardware Co. in Fullerton, Pa. These new and historical significant pieces can be observed at the museum Mondays through Saturdays.

The Eagles say good-bye to Owens

After a four game suspension, Philadelphia Eagles wide-receiver Terrell Owens was cut loose by Coach Andy Reid.

It is unlikely Owens will be paid for sitting out this game, though neither the team nor Reid would discuss the situation. Owens is scheduled to make \$3.5 million in base salary this season, so the suspension would cost him more than \$200,000 per game if the games are without pay.

His suspension came as a result of an accumulation of problems, including negative statements made by Owens against teammates at various points. At training camp, Owens angered the coaching staff by telling Offensive Coordinator Brad Childress that he was to speak to Owens only if Owens addressed him first.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

The College recognized the Brueckners for all of their efforts

By Alex Hamill
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The name Brueckner and the College seem to appear together often. This summer Richard Brueckner was elected head of the College's Board of Trustees. Brueckner's wife, Laurie Brueckner, graduated from the College in 1972, a year after her husband. The Brueckner children also continue the legacy at the College. Richard Brueckner Jr. graduated in 2003 and his younger sibling, Sydnie, is a member of the College's recently enrolled first-year class. Clearly, the Brueckners have established a tradition at the College.

However, the most recent example of the family's involvement in the College is the new Brueckner wing of the Life Sports Center. Recently, the Brueckners donated a sizable donation to help the College complete the Kresge Challenge. The Kresge Challenge, which

was put forth by the Kresge Foundation, asked the College to raise \$4.7 million by August 2005. If the challenge was met the foundation would donate \$900,000 to the College. The College met the challenge.

President Randy Helm said that the College was "lucky to have such generous friends." Helm explained, "student fees can only go so far. The sports center is really the result of the generosity of others who make good things happen." Outside donors were needed since the entire project cost 13 million dollars.

The new Life Sports Center boasts three levels and a 40,000 square foot premises. In addition, a large amount of other changes have been made. A new workout facility, weight room, coaches' offices and indoor track are just a handful of the improvements. Jennifer Sherlock '08 said, "the life Sports Center looks really modern. It is a great

addition to the College campus which I know most students take advantage of on a regular basis and I am glad all the donors, especially the Brueckners, were able to make this great facility possible." Another student, David Chorney '09, said, "when I was looking here the sports center was definitely a plus in my decision and now that I use it everyday it is a great facility to stay in shape."

This sentiment of gratitude is not just confined to the Student Body. The faculty of the College also recognize the philanthropy of donors. Tilghman H. Moyer, the College's Vice-President of Development and Alumni Relations, is familiar with the Brueckners' generosity first hand. Moyer said that the Brueckners are "committed and super supportive of the College." Moreover, it's clear that their "goal is to strengthen what is an already very fine institution."

As of July 1, Brueckner assumed the position of

Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Outside of the College, Brueckner is Chief Executive Officer of the Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. He holds a number of other prominent positions including governor of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), director of the NASD-Regulation, Inc., member of the Board

of Directors of the Securities Industry Association and a trustee of the Foundation for Investor Education. Brueckner has earned the Baker Award for Advancement of Economic Literacy from the National Council on Economic Education and an award for Outstanding Service to the Capital Markets from the American Museum of Financial History.



Richard Brueckner's monetary contributions helped the College meet the Kresge Challenge: raising \$4.1 million.

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Alice Dreger lectures students on her field of study: conjoined twins



Alice Dreger speaks about conjoined twins and intersex.

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By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Alice Dreger, a historian and bioethicist who has studied conjoined twins and intersex, visited the College on Tues., Nov. 8, to discuss her knowledge in these areas with students and faculty. Dreger's visit took place through the Center for Ethics at the College. She is a Visiting Associate Professor of Medical Humanities and Bioethics at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern

University, in Chicago, Ill. and serves as Director of Medical Education for the Intersex Society of America, which is a policy and advocacy group for people born with abnormal sexual organs. Her latest book, *One of Us: Conjoined Twins and the Future of Normal*, has had many positive reviews.

Intersex is defined as any kind of abnormal sexual trait, such as an unusually large clitoris or a small penis. The three major issues that Dreger considers

concerning intersex and conjoined twins are what people's bodies have to do with who they are, if anatomical differences are a legitimate basis for differences in social and political identities, and if we should try to assure that every child attains a normal body.

Dreger pointed out in her lectures that up until 1985, many physicians actually lied to intersex patients about their conditions. Dreger said, "It was clear that physicians had good intentions, but it was out of line."

As the years have passed, Dreger has noted that physicians have been upfront with their intersex patients because they believe that "abnormal genitalia must be corrected" for psychosocial reasons. The way that the abnormal genitalia are corrected is by conducting early genital cosmetic surgeries and then giving hormone treatments as necessary.

The parents of a man, who Dreger mentioned, who was born with a small penis, were told by a physician, "You cannot raise a boy with a small penis. He will not do well in the

world." The physician suggested that the boy have surgery that would change his genitals into that of a girl's genitals. His parents refused and raised him as a boy. The man is now happily married and is very glad his parents made the decision they did.

In reference to conjoined twins, Dreger said that "most separation surgeries left people worse off than not being separated." She described conjoined twins, Brittany and Abigail Hensel, whose mother decided not to have them separated and to do everything in her power to raise them normally. She took them to a regular pediatrician and allowed them to run, ride horseback, and swim like other children their age. The twins are now in their teens, and their lives have been successful thus far.

Many conjoined twins and intersex people believe that what makes them nor-

mal is meeting one person who has what they have. In reference to ordinary people meeting these people, Dreger said that at first, "You don't know where to stand, you don't know where to be," but after awhile it feels normal to communicate with them.

A very important concern surrounding intersex people and conjoined twins is that the issues will become so serious that they will become a part of politics. Adrian Shanker '09 said, "I think it's really important that people talk about these issues so it doesn't get caught up in politics."

Many conjoined twins and intersex people believe that what makes them normal is meeting one person who has what they have.

Dreger's visit has helped students and faculty think deeply about these issues, which is a helpful step in preventing the issues from becoming a part of politics.

Students and faculty were pleased with Dreger's visit; many people thought the topic was interesting and unusual. The feeling was mutual. Dreger said, "I've had an absolutely delightful time visiting."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 1 - Fire Alarm - In Watson Hall, employees heating up lunch set the smoke detector off.

Nov. 1 - Harassment by Communication - In Ettinger Hall, a student reported being harassed on the telephone by solicitors. Campus Safety is looking into the incident.

Nov. 1 - Fire Alarm - A smoke detector was set off in Prosser Hall because students were throwing baby powder in the air.

Nov. 2 - Found Property - A Resident Advisor found a marijuana pipe in the quad near Prosser Hall.

Nov. 2 - Suspicious vehicle/person - A man driving a white SUV was yelling at females at 2208 Chew

Street. A College employee wrote down the vehicle's license plate number. Campus Safety eventually stopped the vehicle near the Allentown Fairgrounds.

Nov. 3 - Vandalism to vehicle - On the 400 block of 26th Street, a vehicle was hit with eggs. The owner reported the incident two days later.

Nov. 4 - Sick Student - In Ettinger Hall, a student complained of abdominal pain and was first taken to the Health Center by EMS. Later on, the Health Center transported the student to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 4 - Theft - A student reported either losing or someone having stolen his wallet in The Center of the Arts.

Nov. 4 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student was found with an unauthorized vehicle on campus and was also cited for having a case of beer in the front seat. The student was sent to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 4 - Underage Purchase, Possession - In Prosser Hall, eight individuals were found with beer and other alcohol beverages in a room. They were sent to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 5 - Underage Purchase, Possession - In Walz Hall, a female student, sick from intoxication, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 5 - Underage Purchase, Possession - Two students living in Walz Hall were sent to the Judicial

Process after a Resident Advisor found them with alcohol in their room.

Nov. 5 - Harassment - A Resident Advisor for the second floor in Martin Luther Hall reported that one roommate was harassing the other. The case was forwarded to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 5 - Fire/Safety Violation - A Resident Advisor reported a party at Benfer Hall where students were throwing beer bottles off the balcony and hanging tapestries from the ceiling.

Nov. 6 - Institutional Vandalism - A resident on Liberty and N. 23rd Street reported that students were tearing down direction signs.

Nov. 6 - Institutional Vandalism - In the Prosser Hall parking lot, students were stopped by Campus Safety because they were found carrying "No Parking" signs from MacGregor Village. They were sent to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 7 - Suspicious Person - A person living on N. 26th Street reported that a darker-skinned male riding a bike was looking into windows of other vehicles. He was even stepping off his vehicle to do so. Campus Safety apprehended him and gave him a letter of trespass.

Nov. 7 - Harassment - A student living in Martin Luther reported that his ex-girlfriend was stalking him by telephone.

WEEKLY

*Life!***"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."****-Charles Schulz**

Scrambled or fried, Fun with Eggs is served with hearty laughs

By Cara Scharf
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

With everything there is to do on a Saturday night it was somewhat of a surprise to see the Red Door packed. The crowd was out for Earthquakes and Milkshakes--the first performance of the semester for the College's only all-male comedy group, Fun with Eggs.

The group consists of Matt Rosazza '07, Will Hartwell '07, Brian Kirchner '07, Brian Byus '07, Chris Scheer '07 and Will Schmidt '08. Saturday's performance also featured the return of Tim Gross '05. The group was established in Spring 2004. Since they formed all members have put in many hard and late hours to be the group they are now. Scheer said, "We're pretty hard-core and rehearse several times a week, give or take depending on how close our next show is. Our tech weeks are pretty intense."

All of the hard work paid off for Saturday night's performance. The group was in top form and there was rarely a moment where the audience was silent. They performed a mixture of pre-planned skits and improvisational games in which they took audience suggestions for scenarios, relationships and objects to use.

Not to be overlooked was the technical aspects of the show. Technically, the show ran smoothly

and was well put together. The lights and voice-overs they used added to the overall effect of the show. It was evident that the group had rehearsed a lot and they utilized the space to their advantage.

In terms of the content of the show, most of the skits were extremely intelligent and funny. One featured a group of sober college students looking to get drunk but lacking alcohol. Enter Captain Liquor, a take-off of Captain Planet. One student really liked this skit because of the childhood references that had a slightly more grown-up and scandalous twist. Fun with Eggs seemed to like this idea too; the childhood memory with an adult twist occurred in another skit that was a scene between Scooby-Doo and his owner, Shaggy.

The improvisation was also well executed, especially in one particular game called the Straight Game, where the purpose was not to make the audience laugh. They asked for a place from the audience and ended up having to improvise being in church. Though the group tried their best to be successful at the game, it seemed that the audience just couldn't stop laughing. Laughs were heard even at things so mundane as when one member of the group asked another what hymn was being sung. One student commented that in this skit they were so



Fun with Eggs wows the crowd with its incredible skits and by engaging the audience.

PHOTO BY ATOM KALLEN

original and didn't feel the need to go for the obvious at all. It was really refreshing and attests to how funny the boys are.

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the group that really gives them their character is the fact that many of their members are talented musically as well. They use that talent in many of their performances and as a distraction in the show. They have music between skits when scene changes are occurring, and this keeps the audience engaged. They also perform improvisational

musical skits. Once such performance was about a friendly, advice-giving bartender. They used both the piano and the guitar in these musical skits and because many of the members are accomplished singers the instruments are often accompanied vocally. The fact that they all take their individual talents and use them to make wonderful comedy really shows the versatility and intelligence of the group.

Regarding the performance,

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BLUE AND GREEN DUMPSTERS?

(GREEN: PAPER AND RECYCLING; BLUE: GARBAGE; SMALLER BLUE: COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES)



"I guess green is for trash and blue is for recycling...I haven't really checked."

- James
Bradford '09



"Well, blue is for water and green is for the earth."

- Mackenzie
Smith '06



"Blue is for garbage and green is for paper."

- Scott Ellis '08



"In the library, blue is for bottles and green is for paper."

- Lynn Kvinnesland,
Reference Assistant,
Trexler Library



"The blue is for broken beer bottles and the green is for the cardboard case that the beer comes in."

- Mike DiVita '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Queensbury Picnic is anything but a common walk in the park

By Lucas Carlson
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It is another typical Friday night at the College and Seegers Union is filled with the usual crowd of loud students. However, tonight another group is building in front of the Seegers' fireplace to watch Queensbury Picnic get ready to play.

The crowd grows and anticipation builds as the band faces "technical difficulties" before they even get started. The drummer walks by wiping sweat from his brow. Finally, it all comes together and the music is let loose. Across the room, everyone is tapping their feet and bobbing their heads as the band starts with a Dave Matthews Band song, "#41." As your quintessential college band, Queensbury Picnic taps all the necessary sources such as, Guster, Radiohead and Dave, but they also play original songs of the same alternative sound. It was a nice mix to keep students around to hear their favorite songs but also a way for the band to show off their talent.

The band, made up of the students at the College, is composed of the standard parts with a little twist. Its members are Bruno Wu '07, on vocals and guitar, Ty Hooker-Haring '08, on bass, and Will Christmas, Part-time Residence Coordinator of Residential Services, on drums. Other members of Queensbury Picnic are Brian Kirchner '07, on the piano, and Christi Razzi '07, on violin.

The individual talent of the group is extraordinary. Razzi conveys pure emotion to the audience as she rips away at the violin. This is necessary for songs such as Damian Rice's "Volcano." Wu's pleasing voice strongly comes across on songs such as "Demons," written by Guster. Christmas' beats on the drums led to students getting up across the room to dance. Beyond this individual talent, the band comes together and meshes perfectly. Wu shares vocals with Kirchner and Hooker-Haring to produce near-perfect harmonies.

Overall, the set went great and in addition to a stunning performance, Queensbury Picnic had two extra treats in store for their audience. First, Wu's best friend and former band-mate, Jared Weiss, made an appearance, playing piano and singing. His rendition of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" would even have made George Harrison, original artist of that song and member of the Beatles, proud.

The second surprise was an impromptu cover of "Shout"--it was just like in *Animal House*, except no togas and booze and with Wu replacing Otis Day; well, almost just like it.

Although they started a little late because of "technical difficulties," once the music began it became clear that it was worth the wait.



Queensbury Picnic rocks out in Seegers Union. Vocalist Bruno Wu '07 creates some soulful melodies.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Fear mixes with fun in game show

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

"Fear," sponsored by Muhlenberg Activities Council, was held Sat., Nov. 5 at 10 p.m. in the Red Door. Advertised as a mixture of *Jeopardy*, *Fear Factor* and *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?*, the game show "Fear" started minutes late and with pre-

cisely enough people to play the game. Perhaps those running the event waited in hopes that more people would eventually show up. But as is the common case, students at the College usually provide a poor showing at such events and find something else to do on their Saturday nights.

Twenty minutes later "Fear" finally began.

Two teams of four were asked to take seats in the front and each person was handed a buzzer. A screen like that of *Jeopardy* popped up on the board and six themes were shown with amounts of money listed below them. Some of the categories

were Monsters, Spooky Movies, From the Crypt, Bugs and Cooties and Thriller Audio. The *Jeopardy* format allowed each group of four to work together as a team, gathering to discuss questions and agreeing on what topic to choose next. When the group challenge came to the screen, you had to pick members of your team to complete that mystery task.

In the first round, two team members donned ponchos while team members anxiously watched on the sides. In front of them was a pudding pie and they were told that there was a picture underneath the pudding. Using no hands, they had to push the pudding aside with their mouths, tongues and faces until the picture was disclosed and a team member could shout out who they thought they saw.

As the game show host said, "You basically have to work it." And work it they did, finally resurfacing a few minutes later with faces covered in chocolate pudding.

The next group challenge was



One student, donned in a poncho, digs into the miniature toilet in search of Milky Way candies.

PHOTO BY SARAH SMITH

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AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Chicken Little

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Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:00, 5:10, 7:30

Derailed

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Get Rich or Die Tryin'

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Jarhead

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Legend of Zorro

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Zathura

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Saw II

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Good girls vs. bad boys

A special production brings up stereotyped gender issues

By Megan Glick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Who opens your pickle jar? Who told you, girls, to wear a skirt and pointy shoes today? And guys, who really tied that tie around your neck? These last two questions seem really silly when you first read them, I'm sure. But think about what they mean. You're putting on a performance every day. It breaks down who you are to what you wear, how you eat and even what you eat. Who is giving you this role you play every day? And, God forbid, what if you were to reject it, if you just didn't feeling like being on stage for everyone to see this particular day?

A group of students took on this question this past Sunday in a special production. Kyla McHale '06 and Megan O'Donnell '06, the co-directors of this black box production, along with the eight-person cast, put together a medley of scenes to examine what's hiding behind these roles we play. From familiar and famous works like Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams, to more modern, starkly probing monologues from Maria Irene Fornes's *Fefu and Friends* and Jacquelyn Reingold's *Girl Gone*, issues surrounding gender

were not just scrutinized and picked apart. They were blown apart.

In the second half of the production, they were totally reversed—a clever and amusing yet very effective and probing way of posing these questions, of challenging the stereotypes and ideologies of gender. The scenes, with the exception of the first and last, were performed by one male and one female; the switches in the second half, therefore, were clear and powerful.

This show, more than others I have seen, was a full, all-encompassing experience, not unlike the performances of gender to which the show spoke. It was not limited to just safely watching scenes unfold under the bright lights; everything was planned and had a purpose, down to the house lighting and who sat where. Guys and gals were separated, each sex on one side of the theater's seating. A dim blue light shone over the guys, a hint to society's stereotypes of gender roles. A similar soft pink light fell across the female half of the audience.

Keeping to the black-box minimalist idea of stage setting, only chairs were used for props during the performance. Moved around the stage, spun around, shoved over, set to rest upturned, stood upon; seats of power, chairs of obedience, sitting on the floor, these chairs were



Actors of "Who opens your pickle jar?" make use of the floor space and unique placement and positioning of chairs.

PHOTO BY MEGAN

placed in every way. The space around them was used to entice the audience to see the roles being acted out in a certain light. McHale and O'Donnell did not waste a second or inch of this performance in challenging the audience to face gender issues. Making you think, if you were to walk onto this stage, where would you sit?

As I sat on my gender-correct side of the audience and waited for the show to begin, listening to "That's Why the Lady is a Tramp" and

"You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman" (obviously as equally planned as the lighting, chair placement and character role-reversal), I was pretty clueless as to what I was about to witness. I was in for a pleasant surprise and an educational experience, one I was able to enjoy.

The "talk-back" session after the show, hosted by the co-directors and including the entire cast, allowed

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Defy gravity, bounce back

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

So it's over. Your relationship didn't work out, and you've broken up. What now? This can be a time of serious self-doubt and sadness. The loss of a relationship that was special to you can be devastating. But what is the best thing to do after a break up? Should you become a hermit and hide in your dorm room and have your friends slip food from the General's Quarters under your door? Or should you just jump right back into the dating pool? The second option, certainly seems more appealing, but is it really a good idea to just go from relationship to relationship with no time in between?

After a break up, you need time to grieve and heal. Even if you were the one doing the breaking up, it was a gut-wrenching, difficult decision and you need time to process the experience and subsequent emotions. When you don't allow yourself to take the time after a serious relationship and immediately start seeing someone else, the new rela-

tionship can suffer. You may just be transferring your emotions for your past partner to your new one. You may think that you have met someone totally new and different when, in fact, you've probably found someone similar to your old love. Often the issues you found yourself dealing with in your old relationship are the very ones you may find yourself grappling with in the new relationship.

Rebound relationships do serve a purpose. They are a cushion to soften the fall which is experienced from having a relationship with a deep connection abruptly severed. They can also be healthy, if you understand the purpose of a rebound relationship and take the time to get to know your new partner. But these relationships can have many problems. You can't expect your new partner to make up for the shortcomings of your old one. If your old lover cheated on you, you cannot smother your new partner and insist on checking in on them 24 hours a day or treat them like they have already committed a crime.

There can be anxiety and fear that this new relationship will end up like all the rest. You need to realize and treat your new partner as an entirely different person that should be valued for the traits that they bring to the relationship, not the potential heartbreak they may cause you.

A rebound relationship can often skyrocket into a maturity that neither partner is prepared for. Rebound relationships are often fast-paced in an effort to make sure that this relationship lasts. It is especially easy in college to go sleep over at your new partner's place every single night or spend all your free time together. Although it is tempting, it is important to give each other space in the early stages of your relationship just as much as it is to get to know each other.

The biggest risk with a rebound relationship is that when it ends up serving the purpose and you leave the relationship, you also leave someone else devastated. If you are entering a relationship or hooking-

up with some one on the rebound, be prepared for the possibility that you might just end up being a crutch, helping a hurt person recover.

If you want to have a healthy relationship with someone who has just left one, make sure you give them enough time to mourn before trying to enter into anything serious with them. Don't allow the rebounding person to set the pace of the relationship or you may just find yourself left in the dust.

Time heals all wounds. The best thing for mending a broken heart is making sure to take care of yourself, emotionally and physically. If you want to start dating again, make sure you are ready for a new relationship and that you have taken the time to get over your last one.

Some wounds never heal and you can't ignore those scars. But it is important to treat the next person you start dating with respect and get to know them for who they are and what they can bring to a relationship. Make sure to take it slow and one little step at a time. Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg.

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horoscopes

By Elvira McErutuf

Aries

Better break out those lucky socks you own because you're in for trouble and it's gonna be a doozie. There are a lot of different ways to play this one, but make sure you check them all out before you finally decide. It's a 50/50 chance of how this one is going to turn out, but it's going to have lasting effects. So look to the weather, your alphabet cereal or even your old Mad Libs for a hint as which direction you should take.

Taurus

So you're the socialite of the group, the "bell of the ball" if you will, but get it all out of your system this weekend, because your workload is about to bring your "natural high" down...way down. Sure, hibernation in places like your room and the library are not really your cup of tea, but be consoled...everyone has to take their turn. This just happens to be your week. Break out the comfy sweats and crack those books!

Gemini

It's been a bit of a struggle lately but the good news is that you can change it! Take a look at finding a happy medium between things you have to keep constant in your life and your impatience to make changes. You might not be able to find an island to wait the winter out on, but there's always a tanning bed (come on, you're a college student!) Don't worry or stress about it too much, your choices will be right on.

Cancer

So you're having issues with that one friend/family member/professor/lover, acquaintance/pet. You're finally feeling up to saying something and getting it out in the open...to let it all out. So when the time is right don't hold back—just hope that they're ready to hear it. Shout, yell, fall on the floor and kick your legs like a three year-old having a tantrum. Let loose, and say your spell then listen and hope for the best.

Leo

Yep, s/he is back and it's starting all over again with the dreams, thoughts and IMs talking about the "good times." It's all having quite an effect on you and people are starting to notice. But before you get all carried away and start telling everyone how s/he's changed and how good s/he is now, make sure you remember the real them. That means thinking with your head.

Vingo

Holidays are close and the stores are already selling the Christmas stuff. Not to mention things are going so well for you now! There's all kinds of soft fuzzy thoughts invading your mind these days. You find yourself daydreaming and grinning like an idiot. Enjoy the high but make sure you stick to your routine. With every great high usually comes a great fall.

Libra

It's gonna be bad. I mean really, really bad. Stock up on the NyQuil and Vick's Vapor Rub, and you might want to grab the Pepto, too. The sickness is coming and it's gonna hit you hard this week. In preparation it's a good idea to get work done early and make note of all of the people who owe you a favor so you can get soup delivered to you in bed. Ride it out and hopefully it won't stick around for long.

Scorpio

You've got the potential of meeting someone great this weekend. It's in the cards if you'll just play them right. Go out and put yourself in the middle of the social scene for once. You never allow yourself to take the spotlight. Be the center of attention and be glad of it. Unexpected opportunities will present themselves if you keep an open mind. You'll end up meeting someone wonderful in the end.

Sagittarius

Time to deal with one of your issues this week. For months now the people around you have been ready and more than willing to help you out and back you up if you'd just let them. So it's time to suck it up, take it like a man and swallow that pride. Let them help you out. They'll feel great that they finally got to help you out for a change instead of the other way around. You deserve to be treated well, so let them.

Capricorn

Money might be an issue—as a college student, let's face it, money is always going to be an issue—but that doesn't mean you can't treat yourself once in awhile. Think of that one thing you've always wanted to have and buy it! Or purchase a cheap knock-off version that kinda maybe looks like it and will break in two weeks anyway. So, what about it? At least you got some enjoyment out of it, right?

Aquarius

"Thank you!" is that rare phrase that almost never gets said anymore. It's never said to you, but never fear, all those small acts of kindness that you've been doing this past week are about to get noticed! You're thinking "about time!" but don't ruin it with your big mouth. Sit back and enjoy reaping the rewards of being nice all week. It will all come back to you tenfold.

Pisces

Are you having strange dreams and issues lately? Fish floating in and out of things? Well it figures since you are a Pisces and all but it is still probably a good time to take a message from your subconscious and take a deeper look into your dreams this week. Even if you don't normally remember them. If you can work it out and stick with it for a bit there is a chance for real insight.

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Scheer said, "I was pretty happy with it. Things can always improve, but I talked to several people who said that the show made them feel good, and a few people even said

that it helped them get away from their problems for while, and I think that makes what we do worth it regardless of anything else." Kirchner also said, "It was undoubtedly our best performance. We held the funny a little longer this time."



In this performance, Fun with Eggs held nothing back as evidenced by one actor sporting some tight briefs and a cape.

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everyone to discuss the performance and the questions and issues it raised. Guys from the audience shared how they felt more comfortable laughing at a certain joke since they were surrounded by other men.

One woman in the audience shared how she was, in fact, somewhat troubled by the dichotomy of gender and how it was imposed on her. What if she wanted to sit on the other side of the theater? What if

she was in a position where neither choice suited how she felt gender-wise?

O'Donnell said at the beginning of the "talk-back" that the goal of the production was to make that which is normally unconscious into that which is conscious, something that we couldn't help but think and talk about. That goal was definitely accomplished if the reaction of the audience meant anything at all. I raise my pickle jar to the cast and crew.

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even more interesting as two male students tied a belt with three baskets around their waists. The goal of the game was to swing a ball, connected by a string to the baskets, into the baskets. Each basket was worth different points and the student who got 200 points won. The men swung their hips feverishly trying to beat each other in the mutated form of basketball. Eventually, team two won that game as well as the overall round. Team one made a desperate comeback but couldn't pull through in the end.

The next round, perhaps, had the worst challenge in which miniature toilets were placed in front of ponchoed players. Once the lids were opened, the players and teammates could see that pudding filled the inside. The game show host and his attendant placed four Milky Ways into the pudding and proceeded to explain the players' task. With using just their mouths and faces, they

had to dig the four Milky Ways out of the toilet and place them on the counter. After a few minutes of excruciating pudding digging, team one found all of the Milky Ways and won.

In between the rounds, the game show host asked questions to the few audience members. If they answered the question right, they got a dollar. They received five dollars just for participating in the game show. If they won their round, they got ten dollars. For those who humiliated and embarrassed themselves with the challenges, the *Fear Factor* aspect, they got an extra ten dollars. The winning of money through questions was the *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* aspect of the game and who could better appreciate free cash and quality chocolate pudding than the hard-up, hungry student?

The "Fear" game show was quite rewarding for everyone who participated as students left with full stomachs and pockets.

Hardworking ethic receives respect

Mule Profile--Steve Rothwell

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

This Saturday, Junior Steve Rothwell will put on his lucky socks and eat a piece of fruit before running in the Mideast Regional Cross Country Championships at Dickinson College. However, his story throughout high school and college is not one of an effortless champion, but that of a workhorse climbing his way to success.

"When he came here, he wasn't the best runner," said Rothwell's teammate, Junior Lex Mercado. "But all the work and dedication that he's put in since freshman year has made him one of the best runners on the team."

His story is similar in high school. As a student of Northern Valley at Old Tappan Regional High School in Harrington, N.J., Rothwell joined the cross country team as one of the weaker members. "I wasn't too good in high school at first," said Rothwell. "But I put in a lot of work to become one of the top runners."

"I wanted to run mostly because of my father and brother," said Rothwell. "I felt comfortable joining the cross country team as a freshman in high school because my brother was the captain."

Rothwell's father was also a dedicated runner, having run in the Philadelphia, New York City and Boston Marathons. "I would not

want to run in a marathon until I'm older," said Rothwell. "They really take a toll on you. I'm more of a short distance person."

Besides being a member of the cross country team, Rothwell has also been on both the College and high school Indoor and Outdoor Track teams. At the College, he runs the mile and the half mile with Mercado, who placed 15th at the Centennial Conference Championships on Oct. 29, while Rothwell came in just behind him. Emphasizing the importance of the team instead of himself, he said, "We both know we can do better."

"Even though cross country is really an individual thing, it's really team-oriented," said Rothwell. "My teammates motivate me to run because we work with each other all of the time, and we hurt ourselves out there."

"It's hard to find motivation when you're hurting yourself that badly," added Rothwell. "When you can find that motivation, that's when you have your best races."

MAAt the Israel Awareness Exhibition Game the Mules hold a tough defense against Israel at Heart, while also endorsing a good cause. Motivation is apparent because of the team's chemistry. "We have a strong junior class and a tight-knit team," said Rothwell. "We manage to fit in some training with the joking around. Before meets I just use music to calm myself down. When

I'm calm, that's when I can motivate myself. You start to think about all of the training you put in over the summer and everything you put yourself through, and in the end all for one day."

Since June, Rothwell and the rest of the team have been training for the Centennial Conference Championship and Mideast Regional.

However, Rothwell was unable to train the summer before freshman year because he was treated for Lyme disease.

"It only effected me physically with a fever. It's not that big of a

deal, but I wasn't able to train that summer. I battled back from it to run my best race at Regional meet. I was able to improve a lot by the time spring rolled around."

Once the season arrives, the team follows a diet that partly consists of night-before-the-race pasta dinners and fruits and granola on race day.

"I have lucky socks, too," said Rothwell. "Two pairs

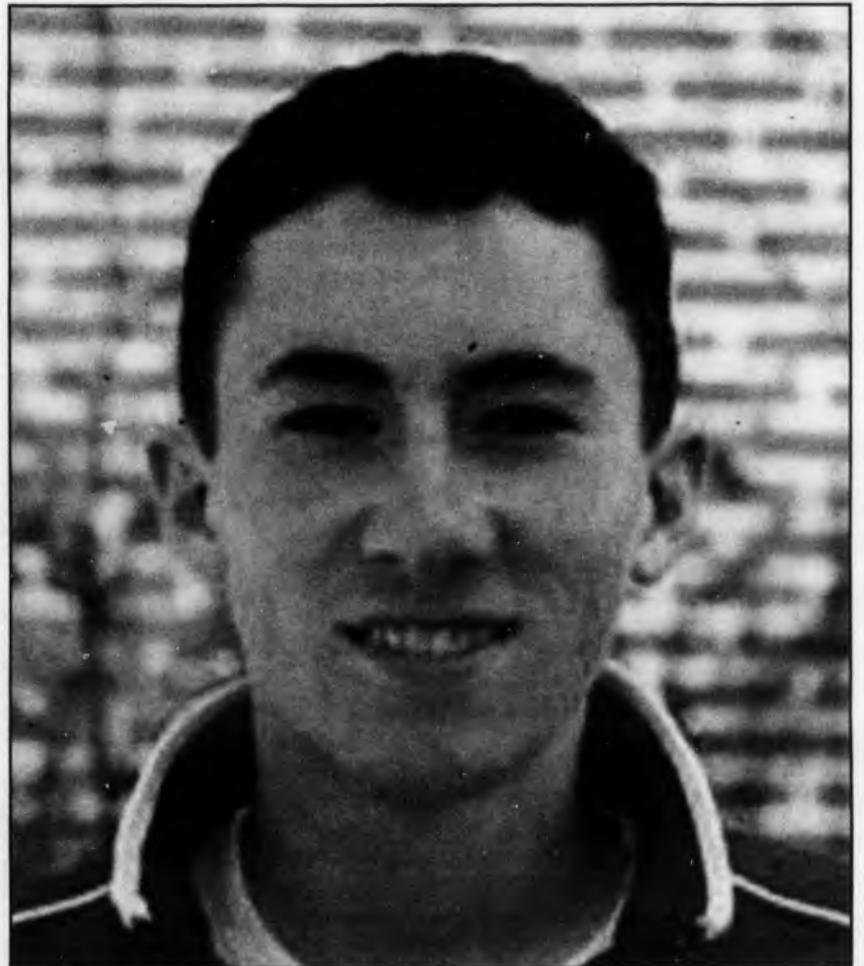
actually. They're either red and white or they have a Mule on them." Rothwell added, "They have lots of holes in them."

Rothwell also draws motivation from the past. "During my senior year in high school, my coach always used to say 'For motivation to finish, think of goals, blessings and your teammates.'"

With Regionals this week-

end at Dickinson, Rothwell has high hopes. "We always have goals in the beginning of the season," said Rothwell. "We want to be All-Region and be among the top six teams at the meet." To be All-Region, runners must be among the top 35 finishers.

"It will be much tougher competition," said Rothwell. "We're really psyched to do it."



Junior Steve Rothwell has become one of the Mules' top runners during his three years on the team.

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Mules host Israel awareness game

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules hosted the Israel at Heart national select team on Monday night in a scrimmage, which the Mules won 38-26.

A not-for-profit organization, the team is affiliated with the men's basketball team through the Interdisciplinary Center "Herzliya, Israel," which is sponsoring games at ten local NCAA Division III institutions this month. The trip's goal is to promote a better under-

standing of Israel and its people throughout the United States. Players will be present on campus and in the community throughout the week to give lectures to further the mission of the group.

Yinon Rietti, assistant coach and team manager, explained that the organization "helps to promote Israelis and bring the case of Israel to Americans who don't necessarily know what Israel is and don't know who Israelis are."

All of the players are students from different universities and all have served in the army. "We have a couple of naval officers, a logistics officer and a field scout. All of us

have army experience because you have to be in the army once you turn 18 in Israel, males

and females alike. That's why the ages of our players are older than that of the average college player. The average age on the team is 25," said Rietti.

Senior Shaval Eitan, praised the trip, saying "We want Americans to see that Israelis are regular people but we also want to have fun and to win on this trip. That didn't happen tonight, but we had a good time."

The Mules trailed 36-40 until Senior Jimmy O'Brien scored four points in the second half to tie up the game. Junior Chris Huber nailed a three-point shot with 14:31 left in the half to make the score 43-40. The Mules didn't relinquish their lead for the remainder of the game.

Overall, the scrimmage was a great success. There was a great student turnout and many members of the local Jewish community attended in support of the cause.

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At the Israel Awareness Exhibition Game, the Mules hold a tough defense against Israel at Heart while also endorsing a good cause.

Mules hit walls

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The College's Ice Hockey team's season got underway on Oct. 29 with a win over Widener University, 6-4. Sophomore Brian Veltkamp scored five goals. Senior goalie Brandon Zanan took over the net for the first time as a starter, and came out with a 70-90 save percentage.

On Nov. 5, the Mules lost to Franklin & Marshall College, 6-5. Sophomore Jarrett Haring had his first hat trick of the season.

After coming out flat during the first period, the Mules answered Franklin & Marshall's two goals with one of their own. The Mules never led the game, but, as the score shows, they kept it close the entire time.

This game marked their first league game in a new division. The Mules moved up to the American College Hockey Association, which includes Division II teams. The league the Mules belonged to last year was Division III.

On Nov. 6, the Mules lost to the University of Scranton, 15-2.

"We're off to a slow start, but the team's starting to get a lot better," said Junior Lee Sheehan.

"You've got to give [Zanan] a lot of credit," added Sheehan. "He's doing a really good job. Once we start stopping a lot of shots on net, we will do a lot better. It'll take pressure off of Zanan."

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Mules fall to The Green Terror despite strides from freshmen offense

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

McDaniel College broke a four game losing streak and the College suffered yet another loss this past Saturday. Home turf and offensive advantages were not enough for the Mules as McDaniel came out on top 13-6. Sophomore Jordan Grube scored all of the Mules' points. With 2:13 left in the first quarter, Grube's 45-yard kick, the longest of his career, put the College ahead 3-0.

Grube said, "I know I can kick it from those distances and wish I could get more attempts from there. I really needed to make that kick since I missed a chip shot on the one before so I was kind of under the gun to get the job done."

"It feels great for me to break my personal best and help the team out by putting some points on the board," added Grube.

In the last minute of the quarter, McDaniel came

back with a touchdown and an extra point. It was 7-3 until Grube returned to make the Mules' last scoring play of the game. His 26-yard field goal brought the College back 7-6.

The score stayed close until the beginning of the fourth quarter when The Green Terror made it to the endzone from a 70-yard pass. Now 13-6, on third down with one yard to go on the McDaniel 45-

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yard line, the Mules failed to capitalize on their final chance to tie. The next two passes were incomplete and McDaniel pulled out with a win.

Despite the loss, the Mules held the offensive advantage with 18-11 first downs and an overruling 34:29 minutes of possession to McDaniel's 25:31. The freshmen took the spotlight with Freshman John DeLuca's 108 yards on 26 carries. This was his first career 100-yard game.

The Mules also had two more freshmen in as quarterbacks-- Freshman David

Mazzola, who threw for 64 yards and Freshman Eric Santagato, who threw for 57.

An outstanding effort by

the Mules' defense held the opposing running backs to only a two yard gain in 15 carries. The defense was led by Senior Will Corbin with

seven tackles.

The Mules will play their last game this Saturday home at 1 p.m. against Moravian College.



The Mules carry the ball down the offensive stretch but it was not enough to give them a win.

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only allowing Gettysburg one shot on goal. With the two wins, sophomore goalkeeper Peter Bennett recorded his sixth and seventh shutouts of the season. Fittingly, the five goals scored this weekend were all scored by seniors. The team has eight seniors that will leave the College with two Centennial Conference Championships. With a team that has struggled to score goals in big games, the Mules anticipate taking these two wins with them to the tournament to keep their momentum and season going. Sophomore Jonathan Kliever said, "We just plain outplayed both teams this weekend. We were on point the whole time and knew that no one was going to beat us. Playing the way we did this weekend, we deserve the trophy, the best team won. It's a great feeling, particularly for the seniors to be able to win it

once more before their careers end."

Regarding the upcoming tournament, Kliever added, "We're going to take it one game at a time and hopefully make a deep run into the tournament."

The shutout of Gettysburg capped a roundabout way to the championship for the Mules. They started out 5-0 and climbed to No. 13 in the national rankings. However, they struggled in the middle of the season, losing to two Conference opponents who failed to make the playoffs. Winning the last four games is just what they need to further their 2005 season. On Monday, the team has drawn Wesleyan College as their competition for the first round of the NCAA Tournament. They will open at home on Wed., Nov. 9, at a time to be determined.

Wesleyan (9-5-3) won the New England Small College Athletic Conference title as the seventh seed, upsetting the first, second and fourth seeds along the way.



Senior Jose Ramirez is about to advance the ball as Senior Joseph Benner is prepared to receive a pass if needed.

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Mules venture on to NAAs

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After defeating Swarthmore College 3-0 on Saturday to reach the Centennial Conference Championship game, the Mules had only been defeated by one team in the Centennial Conference's top five teams: Gettysburg College. When they faced Gettysburg this weekend, they beat the Bullets 2-0 and reached the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

On Saturday, in the Conference semi-final game, the Mules were victorious, scoring three goals against a Swarthmore team that had only allowed nine goals all season, never with more than two goals in a game. The Mules got on the scoreboard early when, in the 12th minute, Senior James Henshaw received a pass above the box, passed two defenders and took the ball to the endline before putting it across the goalmouth for an easy tap-in by Senior co-Captain Jose Ramirez. With 13 minutes to go in the half, Senior Chris King made the score 2-0 by converting off a free kick. The

goal was King's Conference-leading 11th goal of the season.

Not content with an assist, Henshaw stole the spotlight with 13 minutes to go in the game. A risky throw-in into the box cost the Garnets as Henshaw won the ball and put it over the shoulder of Swarthmore's goalkeeper.

Coming out strong on Sunday against Gettysburg, the Mules won 2-0. With these two wins, the Mules have scored 12 goals in their last four games, all of which were wins. Before that, they had only managed six goals in seven games. Just as they did on Saturday, the Mules got on the board early during the Gettysburg game with another goal from King. It was his fourth goal in four games and his CC-leading 12th of the season.

Less than ten minutes later, Ramirez took a ball from Henshaw and put the ball in right under the crossbar. Like King, Ramirez scored a goal in both playoff wins, while Henshaw had a goal and two assists. The Mules' defense played superbly,

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Freshmen Greg Leischner defends the ball from his opponent, leading the Mules to a victory and en route to the NAAs.

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Mules wrestle into their weight classes



Senior co-Captain Dale Mills earned a starting position from his performance in the Wrestle-offs. Here, Mills concentrates on pinning his opponent in a match last season.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Wrestle-off matches, which took place last week, were the determinant for who would be the starting wrestlers for each weight class.

Ten freshmen showed their skills for the first time in college competition.

After 14 matches, starting positions for all weights were decided.

Sophomore Joe DeCampo and Senior co-Captain Dale Mills, Junior John Hesse and Junior Matt Loesch have maintained their starting positions.

Freshmen Justin Fitch and Xan Shapiro have been added to the starting line up. These freshmen, as well as the eight others, will affect the team more than by just extending the

roster. "I think the freshmen are adjusting quickly to college wrestling," said Mills. They are already competing with the upperclassmen and pushing us to be a better team."

This Saturday the whole team will be wrestling the Monarch Invitational at King's College. Some teams that will participate in this

tournament are Centenary College, Ononta State

University, Ursinus College, Cortland State University, Elizabethtown College and Scranton University. Last year, the Mules finished eighth in the tournament while King's placed fifth and Ursinus took the title.

This will be the second tournament for King's College while it's the first match of the season for the Mules. The tournament begins at 11 a.m.

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Big Bang trashes campus in order to heighten awareness

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This past Wednesday, the students and faculty of the College may have noticed garbage lined up on Academic Row as well as several hundred sheets of paper covering the windows of Seegers Union. This was the result of the Big Bang, whose main goal was to raise awareness on campus regarding the excessive consumption of food and the subsequent creation of too much waste. The idea of the Big Bang originated at an EnAct meeting, where students expressed their desire to do something to raise the awareness of the community in a creative matter.

The main student leaders of the event were Kim

Nguyen '07, Steve Epting '09, Liz Schmitt '07 and Jacy Good '08. All of these students are also involved in President Randy Helm's Greening Committee, which played a vital role in putting the plan into action.

"In one 'big bang,' students wanted to have a day where the message was unavoidable: we are consuming too much, we are creating too much waste and we need to reconsider our individual actions that affect our entire community," said Nguyen.

Beth Schwartz '08 shared Nguyen's enthusiasm: "As college students we can facilitate and employ the lessons of Wednesday's demonstration."

The trash lined up on Academic Row was equal to

the waste produced by one meal in the Garden Room and General's Quarters, while the paper in Seegers was supposed to represent the amount of paper used in campus mailings. There was also a pyramid of Styrofoam cups built outside of Seegers.

"The styrofoam cup pyramid represented the amount of styrofoam cups used on a daily basis. We collected 800 cups; the campus uses about 1,200 cups on a daily basis and 9,000 per week," commented Nguyen.

In addition to the displays of trash and paper, there was also a petition for the school to buy a food pulper. A food pulper is a machine that compacts food waste

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'Big Bang' volunteers take time to pose with the styrofoam pyramid constructed out of 800 used cups.

PHOTO BY KIM NGUYEN

Alumni return to classrooms

By Sara Horowitz
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

During Alumni in the Classroom week, alumni return to the College to provide helpful insights into their specific jobs and how decisions made in College influenced their futures.

"It's reassuring to hear information from a person who was in your place only a few years ago."

Lori Singerman

The event was held from Nov. 7-11, and hosted by the College faculty, the Alumni Relations Office and the Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP). Throughout the week, alumni came back to the College in order to speak with students about their experiences after graduation. Over forty alumni came back to the College to participate in the event this year.

The program started in 1994 but was not held last year. According to Stacy Lipschutz '06, Presidential Assistant for the Development and Alumni Relations Office and one of the organizers for the event, the reason for starting the program was to "bring alumni back on campus in order to engage everyone." The event used to be panel discussions, but has recently switched to a more informal luncheon. Lipschutz said, "The luncheons give students the chance to interact with alum and even network with them."

Kellie A. Provost-Brown,

of the OCDP, added that the atmosphere was "friendlier and less intimidating for students" than the panels. Students can still "just sit back and listen because there are so many others contributing to the discussions."

Something else new this year was that all discussions were held in the same room. This proved successful because students could migrate from table to table and engage in different discussions.

Throughout the week students were able to have informal lunches with alumni and faculty in the career field of their interest. Some of the department luncheons included Art, Accounting, Pre-Health, Communication and Psychology. In addition to the roundtable discussions, faculty invited alumni to speak in classes and participate in class discussions.

Another event the alumni took part in was "Dine for Success," which provides students with dinner along with dining etiquette tips and another chance to chat with alumni, staff and fellow students. This year, the event was combined with Alumni in the Classroom Week so the alumni could participate. Provost-Brown said, "it was a fun event; everyone always has a good time."

First-years and sophomores were encouraged to go to the luncheons in order to expand the list of potential majors and career fields, while juniors and seniors were encouraged to go for networking opportunities. Lipschutz said she

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Students have one last chance to defeat Council's unfair laws

Can you imagine a government passing a law that it knows would limit the voice of its citizens?

Student Council is trying to do this. They have recently passed several changes to their bylaws within Council that would negatively affect the Student Body. Council has changed their bylaws to include three new laws: 107 students must be at the SBA meeting in order for any business to be done, Student Council must only attempt to get this many people to a meeting but do not actually have to and if this meeting is attempted and there are not enough people present, Student Council has the ability to change their own bylaws.

Student Council has imposed these limits because some worry that students will try and pass absurd motions that will reflect poorly on the entire Student Body. These motions are an attempt to prevent this from occurring. However, we have enough faith in the Student Body to realize that they are not going to pass anything that would be either ridiculous or detrimental to the College and so we believe that this new policy of Student Council's is both unfounded and unnecessary.

While Student Council has mandated that there be advertising seven days in advance of this SBA meeting and specifies ways which this may be done, this is still not enough. Why should they have the opportunity to take advantage of the students who have elected them into office? By passing this motion, Student Council has found a way to essentially bypass the governance of the Student Body Association. Their bylaws govern everything from the amount of Student Body meetings held each semester to the way elections are run. This new policy essentially does away with the checks-and-balances system, which is an important aspect of democratic governments, and opens Student Council up to threat of corruption.

On Mon., Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m., we implore our fellow students to leave their schoolwork, their phone calls, their TV shows and go to this meeting on the library lawn. There is still a chance to defeat this motion. Let your voice be heard. These people are your elected representatives; allow them to ably represent you by attending this meeting and letting them know the thoughts, feelings and concerns of you, the students at the College.

Extremism is not limited

Paul DeMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Like many of my other friends, I am a huge fan of comedies. Almost nothing compares to laughing hysterically to a quality Norm Macdonald movie or watching *Dumb and Dumber* for seemingly the four hundredth time. However, as of lately I have found a form of comedy that has surpassed all others by leaps and bounds. It's called the religious right. On occasions my stomach muscles ache from feverish laughter after hearing some of the comments that come out of their leader's mouths. Case in point: Pat Robertson.

The man put his foot in his mouth courtesy of ludicrous comments more times than one can count. Recently he addressed the citizens of Dover, Pa., by telling them that they shouldn't turn to God if a disaster occurs in their area because they had rejected him

from their classrooms (he was referring to the fact that they had voted out of office the eight school board members who had introduced the teachings of Intelligent Design into biology classes). Funny, I thought I heard conservatives and religious people claiming that Intelligent Design had nothing to do with religion and the idea that it was Creationism repackaged with different language was preposterous.

While one could write a novel on the stupid things Robertson has said in the past, one that struck me came from this past summer. During a July broadcast of his T.V. show (*The 700 Club*), he was ranting about how every time you see news about terrorist attacks it is always committed by Muslim extremists. He then went on to say that you never see stories about Christian extremists blowing up trains, killing people, etc. Based on these comments, one thing is

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor,

A recent victory for queer rights has arrived at Muhlenberg College. A student initiated effort to make the school to amend the wording of its anti-discrimination policy has been approved by the administration and the Board of Trustees. The new wording will explicitly protect students on the basis of gender identity. This policy change is not to assert in any way that the College was actively discriminating or even allowing discrimination based on a person's gender identity. The changes are merely an explicit statement of being a welcoming community and a safe space for all. Adrian Shanker, the student initiating the word change, submitted a request only six weeks before the approval was made at a Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Shanker believes "explicit protections in writing for students on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity are an absolute necessity and a moral imperative in a time of a national political climate which aims at marginalizing sexual and gender-derived diversity."

College should have pride in word change

In addition, there is a special significance for changing the policy this year. Muhlenberg's Center for Ethics has a year-long theme surrounding the "Ethics and Politics of Identity." Among the many guest lecturers was one, Kate Bornstein, a person self-identified as neither gender, who spoke on the necessity to create more acceptances towards transgender awareness.

The word changes will directly affect the student policy on anti-discrimination, the employment policy and the admissions policy. The campus Gay Straight Alliance is excited to see these changes implemented and wishes to express its thanks to Muhlenberg President Randy Helm, the College administration and board of trustees, and the Pennsylvania Diversity Network for their ongoing support.

--The Valley Gay Press

To the Editor,

I was certainly surprised and also encouraged to see the recent recycling campaign that plastered outdated Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP) flyers all over Seegers Union. The "OCDP...OCD on Paper?" particularly caught my eye. It was clever and effective, without a doubt.

Students can help OCDP conserve paper on campus

The staff of the OCDP agrees. We use a lot of paper. I'm glad that Muhlenberg recycles--it helps us feel less guilty about what we need to do to reach students. Is it effective? According to our informal surveys, the flyers and posters are often what gets students to our events, not only the emails and messages on the online Message Board.

Here are the ways we promote our programs. This is what it takes to make sure we're reaching students:

- Flyers in mailboxes
- Posters around campus
- E-mails to faculty members asking them to announce programs
- Message board
- Campus Calendar
- Targeted e-mails to students
- Messages to groups such as RAs and student leaders
- Ads for big events in *The Weekly*

We would love to eliminate the first item from the list, but we need students' help:

Log in to your Career Connections account and give us the email you use most often. We want to make sure we're reaching all students: Read the online Message Board. Read your email.

If we knew that at least half of the campus community was using online sources for news and event information, we'd stop sending flyers!

Let us know what else we can do--we'd be glad to save the time, money and paper. Truth is--sending flyers remains an effective strategy for us -- one of many.

Sincerely,
Lynda Garow Grossman
Director

Office of Career Development and Placement

Can anyone fill Sandra Day O'Connor's robes?

The search for a new Justice raises eyebrows

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

When Sandra Day O'Connor stepped down from the Supreme Court last summer, it was a head turner. She held a different type of spot in our highest court; you couldn't really place her into a conservative or liberal category. News analysts all over the country referred to her as the "swing vote" that kept the balance of power equal in the Supreme Court.

O'Connor will be remembered for her practical application of law and for taking each case on an individual basis, without an ideological agenda. She often sided with conservatives to roll back federal power installed, but sided with liberals to uphold abortion and affirmative action rights.

The death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and recent replacement with Chief Justice John Roberts won't have a major effect on our highest court. Rehnquist was a staunch conservative, so replacing him with another conservative, Roberts, should not make a difference. However, if O'Connor's replacement turns out to be overly conservative, it could alter the entire makeup of our court and the way

our government controls our lives.

President Bush first tried to appoint Harriet Meirs. An under-qualified crony, with no previous experience as a judge, and no clear understanding of constitutional laws, one never had a chance to be confirmed. The selection came under heavy scrutiny from both sides of the political spectrum. When tensions began to rise and Senators from both parties didn't accept the questionnaire they asked her to fill out, she elected to withdraw from consideration.

Reeling from criticism from those in his own party about his first pick, Bush has decided to go for the home-run in conservative circles with Samuel Alito, Jr. A Princeton undergraduate and Yale Law School graduate with a long judicial record, even Democrats concede Alito is definitely qualified for the position.

The pick has been hailed in all heavy-right wing circles, which is an eyebrow raiser for moderates and liberals. Pat Robertson, one of the most fanatical bible-thumping, right-wingers in the country, dedicated a whole article on his website praising Alito, which should cause concern for anyone who doesn't want to see the Supreme Court dramatically shift to the right.

Alito has a very distinguished conservative record from his past judicial rulings. He often rules

in favor of the government or large corporations. In 1996, Alito voted to end a federal law that limited the possession of machine guns.

Probably his most controversial ruling has been when he was the lone dissenter in a 1997 case, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Disagreeing with the other two judges on his panel, Alito voted to keep a Pennsylvania law that required a woman to notify her husbands before receiving an abortion.

So, what does this all mean? Basically, Alito is considered a fairly radical conservative, who is attempting to fill a moderate spot. Women's rights groups have actively opposed Alito, fearing he would limit abortion rights in the country, and possibly work to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in America.

Most moderates and liberals fear Alito will work to take power out of the national government's hands and put it back into the state's.

By selecting Alito, Bush has set the stage for a battle of epic proportions in our Senate. If the Democrats decide to filibuster the selection to avoid an up/down vote,

which Alito would most likely win due to the Republican majority, there is a chance Republicans could move to end filibusters all together. By taking this action, Republicans could possibly take away one of the few tools the minority party has in the Senate.

This is a dangerous action, which is a step towards one party dominating all three branches of our government. So much for separation of power and that whole checks and balances thing.

However, can you blame Bush for making such a radical selection? His party has won control in the White House and in the Senate, and now he is using this control and taking it as far as he can. It is politics as usual in Washington. Our president is putting special-interest groups above the good of our nation, which is not mostly radical right-wing, but more close to moderate.

This is what our country has come to: special-interest funding and deciding elections, and presidents compelled to repay them with Supreme Court lifetime appointments. It's a shame our President can't rise above the partisanship that has gripped hold of American government. Yet, I wouldn't expect anything more of him.

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clear: Robertson doesn't have access to a T.V., the Internet, newspapers or magazines. This is clear because apparently he has no clue about events that have occurred in the past in this very country.

Apparently, he has never heard of Eric Rudolph. Rudolph is the man responsible for the 1996 Olympic bombing in Atlanta, Ga. He was also responsible for the bombings of two abortion clinics and a Gay and Lesbian nightclub, all in Georgia. Is Eric Rudolph a "Muslim extremist"? If you said yes, you're incorrect. He is an admitted Catholic and has been praised for his acts by the powerful, right-wing pro-life religious group called the Army of God.

Ok, maybe Roberson had a memory lapse on that one. However, he also apparently has never heard of a man named Paul Hill. He is responsible for the murder of an abortion doctor in Florida in 1994. Hill himself was a former minister and remained defiant and unrepentant to the end (he was executed in 2003). Before his execution, he even went as far as to claim that he expected to be greatly rewarded in heaven for the murder he had committed here on earth (apparent-

ly he never read the whole "Thou shall not kill" part of the Bible). Not surprisingly, his actions were also praised by the aforementioned Army of God.

Fine. So apparently Robertson forgot about that one too, but twice does not a pattern make. Well, he apparently has also never heard of James Kopp, the man who was responsible for murdering an abortion doctor in Buffalo, NY. Is anyone else noticing a pattern here? The doctor was killed when the shot fired by Kopp entered a back window of the doctor's house and hit him as he stood in his own kitchen. Kopp saw nothing wrong with what he did because based on his loony Christian religious beliefs, he felt he was merely doing his duty of protecting the unborn.

Believe me when I say that there is more where that came from. My point is that for Pat Robertson to say that Christian extremism has not been responsible for acts of violence is not only hysterical, it is downright inane. I only hope that the next time another loon murders an abortion doctor and/or blows up a clinic, Robertson and his cronies immediately condemn the attacks and the loons that commit them. To do anything to the contrary would be extremely ridiculous (pun intended).

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Weekly Discourse: Politics in the classroom

Should professors voice thier political ideals?

Chris Tarassoff
WEEKLY OP/ED GUEST COLUMNIST

As a Republican, I'm sure you would expect me to be against faculty members using class time to express their political views, especially since we Republicans are outnumbered in that arena by about, ohh...ten to one. On the contrary, as long as students in

these classes are allowed to offer their retorts, I think that anything that can get people motivated and interested in the political process, beyond the flash-in-the-pan

supporters during a presidential election, is long overdue. College is, or at least should be, about controversy. We should embrace differences and take every opportunity to challenge norms and think for ourselves. Muhlenberg students need to start looking outside our bubble.

I love the opportunity to go head to head with my professors and talk about issues that affect us all. I love that instant in which a professor says something that arouses a spark of interest in a student to go out and support or challenge that position. During the last election, it gave me a chance to spot all the closet Republicans squirming in their seats as professors ranted on. I say to them, do something about it! Don't sit back: challenge views, question authority, and don't be afraid to speak up. Don't silence them. Last

year I relished sitting front row center in my Bush/Cheney gear in front of hardcore liberal professors. If this "wastes" a few minutes of class time, I say so be it (it's not like you were actually engrossed in the subject matter anyway). At any rate, a dialogue is far more constructive than going out and keying someone's car or stealing their yard sign.

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Both parties have a lot to answer to right now, and a constructive dialogue in the classroom might serve as a prelude for grassroots movements for change.

Politics is more than a quadrennial event.

There was an election last week...how many folks can name more than one candidate who was up for election? What did they stand for? How do their positions relate to us and to Muhlenberg? The timing of this article is fitting. Being able to talk about the issues now can generate real positions and opinions and not just bandwagon supporters who attire themselves in red or blue shirts because it is trendy. Speaking as the president of the College Republicans, I can say that support in the organization today compared to 2004 is night and day. Whereas last year forty to fifty people were showing up to meetings, this year I'm lucky to draw five or six. Therefore, anything that can eliminate the political apathy and ignorance on this campus, I say is welcome.

John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

It is undeniable that students today need to have a greater view of politics. This is simply a fact. Too many young adults are running rampant throughout the country claiming to be an advocate of one party or another while their views are based solely on

propaganda and slander. It is important to discuss political theories and philosophies in the classroom. Re-read that last sentence. It is important to discuss political theories and philosophies in the classroom. This does not mean that party ideals or certain campaigns should be discussed.

There needs to be an openness about political thought. I am a staunch Democrat, but even I know that there are some things that we, as a party, definitely need to work on. If a teacher is obviously one-sided in a way of thinking, and speaks their political views in the classroom, then this is merely furthering propaganda. Of course I am not saying that teachers should not be able to discuss their views with students--merely that it should not be done in the classroom. Up until recently, I was a Political Science major and I will say that only on rare occasions have I cringed at a remark made by a professor who spoke about how they felt an elected official had been doing.

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In the recent election for the mayor of Allentown, one of the statistics that Ed Pawloski (D) was throwing in the face of incumbent mayor William Heydt (R) was the fact that the crime rate had risen during Heydt's terms as mayor. This would be appropriate to mention, but to simply state that "Heydt wasn't doing a good job," or to list statistics in favor of Pawloski and only a few for Heydt would do nothing to further the ideals that a college should be striving for: the ability for its students to think independently.

As college students, we are technically adults. We have the right to vote and the ability to choose who we want to vote for. One thing to remember though, is that we are still learning; we are still being educated by teachers and professors who, through years of schooling and training, we have been taught to think they know more than we do. Whether or not it's true is a moot point. It's what we have been taught. By expressing personal feelings toward specific aspects of political issues, professors are doing nothing but teaching ignorance and misguidance.

As was stated, I have seldom seen this problem at the College, but it is an issue that has been on the rise and it is always important to recognize the fact that just because something isn't a problem now, doesn't mean it won't be in the future.

Racism is still a statistical fact in New York

Jessica Taylor
WEEKLY OP/ED GUEST COLUMNIST

The public school system in New York City is still in shambles, even after President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was approved. I am a life-long resident of Brooklyn, NY and the quality of education there is appalling. I will admit that there have been improvements in efforts to maintain safety surrounding public schools and the implementation of strong after-school programs has certainly helped to keep kids off the streets. However, the lack of funds needed to really support the students in these schools is taking its toll on the quality of education.

The budget that Bush has allotted for 2006 reveals that the school systems are receiving \$12 billion less than was promised, which includes a deduction of \$947.5 million from New York's budget. That is a pretty significant decrease. I understand

that the issue of money allocation can be extremely difficult, but I think that education should be a major priority.

As Americans, we thrive on being a nation built on freedom and equality, but it is evident that we are currently straying away from this notion. According to official research done by the American Political Science Association, as the previous barriers of race, gender, and other forms of social exclusion have gradually become more integrated, instead there has been a growing gap in the economic inequalities among us and there are definitive links between economic disparity and poor education. In order to enjoy the highest forms of formal education in this country, one must be financially well-off, if not, then they are subject to being placed in the subpar institutions of the public school system. As a result of this, that individual is fated to continue to venture through life

struggling financially and passing down this poverty to their children.

And the age old battle of racial discrimination also plays a role in the case of economic disparity and unequal education, as it does in almost every current American issue. Essentially, it just so happens that the people most affected by the lack of funding in the public schools of New York, and other urban areas of America, are minorities, African-American and Hispanic families. Even though the overall living conditions for minorities has improved, it has been discovered that the average white household acquires 62 percent more income and possesses about twelve times more wealth than the average black family. One would think that with the significant financial disproportion and the proven connection between low income and poor education, efforts would be taken to repair the situation, but little to nothing is being done. Apparently, our affairs in

other countries are far more important than the assurance of a bright future for our youth.

I am speaking on behalf of the youth in Brooklyn because I was fortunate enough to have been selected to be a part of the Prep for Prep program, which takes excelling inner city minority students and puts them into private school for their middle and high school careers. I was chosen in the fifth grade and it changed my life. The problem is, most of the children in Brooklyn will probably not have the opportunity to be exposed to this program or to go to college simply because of the fact that the quality of education in those institutions are not up to the standards they should be. As a result, the poor students, who happen to be predominantly minority students, in these public schools have dreams of making it big, which for them is landing a job behind the counters of their local fast-food establishments.

Magic helps to raise drug and alcohol awareness

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Nov. 10, the Athletic Department sponsored a drug and alcohol awareness program for the College's student athletes and the rest of the College Community in the Miller Forum. Sports teams and classes were told to come.

John Fabjance, a magician from Chicago who uses subtle messages throughout his performance to bring across a message of alcohol awareness, was the headlining act.

Fabjance started off the program by explaining that his presentation is different than other alcohol awareness presentations because he doesn't use horror stories. "Horror stories haven't worked because people don't feel that bad things will happen to them," he said. Instead of horror stories, Fabjance demonstrates alcohol awareness through the use of magic.

His first magic trick revealed how people's minds work after formal education. He used a two-sided piece of paper that had several dots on it to make it look like the sides of a dice. As he turned the piece of paper over, Fabjance covered some of the dots so that the number of dots looked like they were actually changing. People are used to seeing the dots on dice in a certain pattern, so they assume that what is being covered are the remaining dots on the side of a die. Fabjance explained that "magic works because it goes against what we're used to seeing."

Magic is all about perception and Fabjance explained that people need to think differently than they are used to in order to see what is really going on with each trick. Similarly, we need to think differently in order to see the messages about alcohol that are around us.

The idea of misperception was what led into his next trick: cards. Fabjance went around the room asking different people to give him

the color, suit and number of a card. He then opened a deck of cards. The only real cards in the deck were the cards that each different audience member had chosen, while the rest were blank cards. Fabjance used certain words, "imbedded commands," to produce the answer he desired.

Fabjance explained that alcohol advertisers also use imbedded messages to acquire a desired response. "Beer commercials show good-looking people having a good time while participating in athletic activities," he said. "When they're done with these activities they grab a beer."

The audience of these commercials often perceive drinking beer as a positive activity and do not think about the negatives. Fabjance explained that our perspective needs to change. We need to see the imbedded messages that are being shown to us and see that things are not always great when we drink. In a quote on his website, Fabjance said, "The more aware students are of the power of perception and how it influences their lives, the more they can take control of this power."

As another example, Fabjance compared driving drunk to buying lotto tickets. "People buy lotto tickets thinking things will change, but drive drunk and don't think things will change," he said. "We know what it's like to win or lose money, but we don't know what it's like to lose a life, until it happens."

Fabjance concluded his presentation by saying that choices have to be made when making the decision to drink. He said that "it is always your choice" to decide what you want to do.

Joe O'Brien '08 expressed his opinion on the presentation. "It was entertaining. He used different tactics to keep our interest, while he brought across his message."

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noticed more "older" students at the luncheons, but many sophomores attended the events as well. She also said "the turnout varied, but there were approximately twenty students at each table."

Lynda Garow Grossman, Director of Career Development and Placement, said "the sessions were wonderful. The alums were great and the event was very successful."

Allie Schnall '08 attended the public relations luncheon. "I loved being able to talk with people experienced in the field, and it was great to hear about different aspects of public relations, since each person at the table had taken a different route. Hearing their success stories made me that much more eager to begin my career in PR."

Lori Singerman '06 went to the

psychology luncheon and said, "I thought the luncheon was a practical and worthwhile experience to gain insight into graduate school, job opportunities and questions your professors may not be entirely truthful about, such [as] whether or not internships are really useful (and to answer that, yes, they are). It's reassuring to hear information from a person who was in your place only a few years ago. They understand and sympathize with the stress that is associated with trying to figure out your life, and if nothing else, it was a great chance to network."

Provost-Brown added that "the dining services did a great job" of setting everything up and Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Events, did a "great job booking rooms for us. Without their help this wonderful week wouldn't have been possible."



Alumni Mark Abraham, '90, went to Spanish classes to talk about life after graduation.

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MacGregor to be torn down

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Office of Residential Services, has confirmed that MacGregor Village will be demolished within the next two years. This will be after Seegers Union and the science buildings are finished.

The decision came from the Strategic Planning Committee, which Bova says is formed by "students, faculty and the administration."

MacGregor, established in 1981, houses 56 students. There are two, two-bedroom apartments for four students, one bathroom and a full kitchen, co-ed by apartment. The new plan will not change this structure for students, but it will provide extra units for student housing.

The new building will take place on or near the original MacGregor site. There are plans to invest up

to \$4,500,000 in the first part of new housing.

According to the strategic plan, "Phase I would consist of three to six three-story buildings containing six four-person living units with two single bedrooms, a double bedroom, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a living/dining area, providing between 72-144 beds...[the] anticipated completion of the project is no later than fall of 2007."

There may be two phases of construction for MacGregor Village, but nothing is definite. According to the strategic plan on the College website, it is possible that phase two "could consist of additional units at the MacGregor Village site or traditional residence hall units either at the corner of 22nd and Chew Streets or 23rd and Gordon Streets."

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Correction

In the article "Helm delivers State of the College Address" from the Nov. 3rd issue, we stated "the College has raised over \$70,000 for the [Hurricane Katrina] relief effort." However, the College has actually raised over \$7,000 for the relief effort.

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and drains liquid, thus making it possible for composting.

The event was not meant to be a solution to the problem of waste production, but a way to raise awareness of the issue in hopes of sparking future conversation and action regarding the problem. Magnets were handed out with tips on how to live more environmentally conscious. There was a video being shown in the lobby of Seegers to show students how to better handle their waste.

"I think education is the first step in solving the problem," said Epting. The leaders of this event hope to continue to educate the campus and the public about how our actions are detrimental to our community and how they can actually make a significant change in the long run.

Matt Rosenberg '08 placed just as much importance on education: "The event was very well put together on raising awareness; however, they did not show students what could be done to change their habits."

Scott Gordon '08 agrees that the event was a success and applauds the hours of work responsible for the event: "It was an event that served a great purpose: to inform the Student Body of how much waste we produce each day as well as

what we as students can do to help make a difference. I personally saw that a lot of hard work went into the planning and organizing of the day--it certainly made its point and paid off."

The demonstration was made livelier by student performers and a table in Seegers open to questions




from students. The event was also made possible through the help of organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega (AFO Community Service Fraternity), Delta Tau Delta, Acafellas, Student Council and the Greening Committee, all of which gave financial support.



Lindsay Mattes '08, dressed as the mule, promotes a cleaner campus next to the styrofoam cup pyramid.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Few Showers
High: 46 Low: 26	High: 48 Low: 28	High: 49 Low: 34

OFF CAMPUS

The Lehigh Valley pays tribute to veterans

At Nazareth Area High School's annual Veterans' Day parade, students reenacted wartime moments to salute veterans. The parade featured six student-made floats and was part of the school's celebration to honor those who have served in the armed forces.

In Allentown, around 200 people assembled at the Lehigh County Government Center for the United Veterans of Wars program.

Students at Central Elementary School in Allentown commemorated Veterans' Day by having a speaker who participated in World War II's Battle of the Bulge and by singing patriotic songs. Although Veterans' Day is a time to honor the living, Wilson Area High School chose Veterans' Day to pay tribute to two alumni killed in the line of duty.

Pawlowski defeats Heydt in Allentown mayoral race

A crowd of about 300 people in a bar next door to the Allentown Fairgrounds celebrated as the positions of Allentown mayor, Lehigh County executive and all four open seats in the Allentown City Council race fell to a Democratic sweep.

According to unofficial final election results, Pawlowski took 59 percent of the vote to Heydt's 38 percent. Independent candidate Michael Molovinsky received three percent of the vote.

The win for Pawlowski came as quite a surprise to many since *The Morning Call* and the College poll had Heydt well ahead just two weeks ago. However, as the night progressed, the polls indicated Pawlowski would win. The television showed Pawlowski giving his victory speech. While Heydt then went to make a congratulatory phone call to the new mayor.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

MACGREGOR

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However, there is no set budget because it is still undecided at this point.

The new MacGregor will certainly provide students with more living options, but it will be awhile before the entire construction is finished.

When questioned about the destruction of MacGregor Village, students had little to no idea about the strategic plans. After explaining the process, timing and intentions for this construction, the student reaction was

quite positive.

When asked how she felt about a new dorm with the same format of the current MacGregor but the capacity to hold more people, Rebecca Axelrod '06 responded, "I'm pro that."

Similarly, Amanda Brown '07, replied, "That sounds fine...I think that's a good idea...it doesn't affect me and I think it will be good for the future."

Meghan Shober '08, had a little knowledge about the procedure but admitted that she did not know "a whole lot" about the technicalities. After explaining what the new construction

entailed, her response was very positive. "I think that it's a good idea because everything here...is a little outdated and everything here needs to have a little attention given to it."

As a sophomore, Shober will be more directly affected by the construction than Axelrod and Brown, both of whom will be leaving before the project begins.

Currently, MacGregor houses upperclass students and is located at the south end of campus. The new MacGregor could open up more housing opportunities for all students.



MacGregor Village will be knocked down to build a larger complex to house more students.

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Battle of the sodas: Coke vs. Pepsi

Which will win?

By John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Everyone knows about the cola wars: Coca-Cola, the classic beverage, versus Pepsi-Cola, the drink for the "next" generation. Throughout the Lehigh Valley, the different cola companies have found one neutral party in the matter. The schools associated with Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) all have partnerships with Pepsi. However, the local high schools and the schools in the immediate area are affiliated with Coke. At this point, the only school not to have a definitive stance on the matter is the College.

Throughout the dorms and buildings at the College, Coca-Cola has several vending machines. All dorms and academic buildings, except for the Trexler Pavilion, have at least one machine. In the General's Quarters and Garden



All vending machines on campus are provided by Coca-Cola.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

Room, however, the beverages in the fountain drink dispenser are provided by Pepsi. Although the coordination of the two companies has worked for some time, the College has recently begun discussing whether a switch to a singular company would be possible; and if so, which company they would choose.

Aside from the taste and aesthetic preferences of the companies, one of the major matters that the College must handle is the issue of how much money they would receive if they were to go one way or the other. Pepsi donates a sum of money every year to the Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament, but Coke representatives have stated that if the College were to sign a contract with them, then the money received from the vending machines would be greater. Either way, there is money to be gained from collaborating with one of the companies.

"There's money on the table and we're not grasping it," said Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College. That's the way it was presented to Student Council two weeks ago when President Randy Helm offered the possibility of dropping one of the companies.

Due to the different components of the contract, Dyer was unable to give specifics into what each company was offering the College. He did state that both proposals were "pretty close." With all of the renovations going on throughout the campus, the monetary incentive might play a major factor in the decision.

Another factor for the College to consider is the locality of the main offices of the different companies. John Pasquerella, Head of Food Services at the College, has stated that in the event of a problem with the fountain machines in the General's Quarters or the Garden Room, Pepsi has manufacturers in Allentown, Pa.

Although he feels assured that Coke would do everything in their power to aid the College in any way, Pasquerella's experience with Pepsi has

been very good.

Although this isn't the beginning of conversations about switching from a dual purveyor of beverages to either solely Coke or Pepsi, Dyer says that, "the project was tailed because the president wanted to get a response from the stu-



All of the fountain drink dispensers on campus are provided by Pepsi.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

dents, but we really have to get back to it." Student opinion is varied, however, and it won't be easy to come to an early conclusion.

Joe Rusella '08 said, "Well, for one I think Pepsi is much better than Coke, and the products Pepsi brings along with it are better than Coke's. For example, Mountain Dew, Code Red and Mug Root Beer is amazing. The only thing Coke has over Pepsi is Sprite, but that does not make up for the rest of it."

Andrew Gutterson '08 said "I like Coke better than Pepsi; it has a better taste."

Lauren Tatz '07 said, "Definitely Coke because it's red and white like Santa!"

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 8 - Lost Property - There was a lost key for a study room in the Trexler Library. Plant Operations changed the lock.

Nov. 8 - Illegally Parked - A vehicle illegally parked in a Faculty/Staff parking lot was booted. It had over \$1000 in unpaid tickets.

Nov. 8 - Sick Student - A student in Taylor Hall felt like passing out, had shortness of breath and the shivers. She was transported to the hospital by EMS.

Nov. 8 - Fire Alarm - In Benfer Hall, the fire alarm was set off due to burnt popcorn.

Nov. 9 - Fire Alarm/Injured Student - At 321 N. 22nd street, the fire alarm was set off due to cooking on the

stove. A student tried to put out the fire but had oil on his hands. He was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 9 - Fire Alarm - At 2333 Liberty Street the fire alarm was set off due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 10 - Motor Vehicle Accident - As a student was backing out into the flow of traffic at 23rd and Chew Streets, his/her vehicle hit another car. The Allentown Police Department responded to the scene.

Nov. 11 - Suspicious Person - A black male, between the ages of 25 and 35, with curly hair and an earring in his left ear, was questioning a female student in front of Trexler Library. The student walked away and reported the incident to Campus

Safety the following day.

Nov. 12 - Motor Vehicle Accident - In the Martin Luther Hall parking lot, Bear Security reported that a Moravian College football bus had damaged a car when it backed into the parking lot.

Nov. 12 - Injured Student - A student living in Walz Hall cut her leg on the corner of her trunk. EMS responded and she was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Nov. 12 - Injured Student - A student injured his head while playing racquetball and was taken to the Health Center.

Nov. 12 - Sick Student - At Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, a student who

had been at the hospital earlier in the day for food poisoning refused further treatment. The Health Center was notified.

Nov. 12 - Underage Purchase, Consumption - Campus Safety heard loud noise coming from one of the rooms in Brown Hall and upon entering found alcoholic beverages in the room. The students in the room were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 13 - Underage Purchase, Consumption - A student in Walz Hall who had been throwing up after drinking alcohol was found. The student was taken to the hospital and referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 13 - Injured Student - At the Hillcrest House, a

student hit his head on the ceiling and it started to bleed. EMS transported the student to the hospital at 17th and Chew Streets.

Nov. 13 - Underage Purchase, Consumption - In the parking lot for the 311 concert three non-students were arrested for underage consumption and possession by the Allentown Police Department.

Nov. 14 - Institutional Vandalism - Students were throwing beer bottles on the tennis courts at Kern Field. One student was recognized but the issue is still under investigation.

Nov. 14 - Institutional Vandalism - In Prosser Hall, a student's room had a barrier of duct tape placed in front of the room.

Life!

**"If you can't see the bright side of life,
polish the dull side."**

-Anonymous

Don't tread on 311: the band proves it has lasting power

By Falyann Bleiberg
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

A tow truck is removing innocent-looking cars from the Martin Luther parking lot. No, this is not a joke and it is not thievery--room must be made for the tour buses. It is Sun., Nov. 13th and the College's headliner concert for the year, 311, is on campus, and everyone is buzzing and/or chasing their cars down 23rd Street. With Memorial Hall transformed into a concert venue and a locker room converted into a chic, New York City-themed dressing room, madness ensued.

As the opening act, Shootyz Groove (name origin questionable, yet unknown) shook the entire campus (literally) with their hard rock/rap and heavy bass lines, hundreds of concert-goers began trickling into Memorial Hall. The die-hard 311 fans, and basically every misunderstood teenager in the greater Lehigh Valley, were packed against the front barricade. By 8 p.m., it was overflowing and the excitement level was so high that screaming could be heard even after the deafening experience that was Shootyz Groove.

311 consists of Nick Hexum (vocals, guitar), P-Nut (bass), Tim Mahoney (guitar), Chad Sexton (drums) and Douglas "SA" Martinez (DJ). The pop-rock-reg-



Nick Hexum, the lead singer of 311, poses for a picture just before the concert started. In the background Chad Sexton, the drummer, and P-Nut, the bass, warm up.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER COLLINS

gae band has been on the scene for nearly 15 years now--it's about time they came around to good ole' A-town and showed us a butt-rockin' time! Hexum said the band "felt the most welcomed ever" at the College. "(Playing at a college) has a personal touch, to be with the kids and to have the basketball court right there." Now back on the road, the

guys think playing on campuses "makes it easier to be away from home when you have to be away from home and the college kids keep us going--young and crazy."

311 opened with "Are You Ready? Freeze Time," and suddenly there were bodies flying all over the place. Crowd-surfing aside, the audience warmed up to 311 immedi-

ately--everyone was dancing, singing, clapping and making other inexplicable, cult-like gestures. "Our music is rather cerebral, so you'd expect we'd do well with college students," explains Hexum. Even the band's sound guy was rocking out in what could have just been his boxers. 311 played fan favorites "Come Original," "Down" and "Amber," closing the set off with "Beautiful Disaster," and an encore finale, "Feels So Good."

After 15 years of international success, 311 merely cited their major changes as "a little weight, maybe some gray hairs." They are excited at the constant prospect of new fans, and eternally grateful to their loyal fans who have stuck with them after all of these years and who continue to keep up with the band. "It takes a long time for people to digest the music and for us to build up an undeniable fanbase," says Hexum.

By staying true to themselves and their music, 311 has impressively maintained a steady career as a rock band, and will continue to as long as they have each other and their fans. P-Nut grandly concludes, "Longevity is where it's at." This band has proved its lasting power and continuing ability to please their crowd and fans through their inspiring music. It is safe to say, they'll be around for a while.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS THE STATUE OF IN THE LIBRARY?

(JOHN PETER GABRIEL MUHLENBERG;
A.K.A. GENERAL PETE)



"Um, General
Tight Pants."

- Sarah
Primmer '09



"Perhaps he was the
first stripper in
history of the
United States."

- Eric Feld '08



"I think he was the
first PKT pole
dancer."

- Brenda Lakis,
Campus Safety
Officer



"Is is Mr. Trexler?"

- Arielle
Kingsbury '06

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

"Dream Girls" showcase their hidden talent

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Not sure of what to prepare myself for, I settled into a booth in the Red Door last Thursday night. A good sized crowd of family, friends and students packed themselves on to the remaining couches and chairs that had been stacked around the room to listen to "Dream Girls" in Concert. A comfortable social mood was in the air but things quieted down as the performers took the stage. Dream Girls consists of Amy Chrzanowski '08, Lauren DeFilippo '06, Shannon Fitzsimons '09, Lindsay Marder '06, Dana Parisi '09, Dana Rochman '08, Eric Stephenson '09, Sara Sultanik '09, Brendon Votipka '09 and Donna Ward '09. It is directed by Reena Rosenthal '07 with musical direction by Julia Lischner '06.

It was clear from the opening act that coming to the show had been a good decision. Right from the start there was something impressive about this group. They all dressed in black, which gave them a very formal appearance. Their piano accompaniment, which played softly as the crowd drifted in, now broke into a stronger melody.

"Bad Side" was the opening number and was sung by the whole ensemble. Votipka and Stephenson, the two men in the group, each held their own against the nine female members of the group. They were able to create a nice harmony throughout the song. They added a few choreographed steps and moves around the stage to their dead-on harmony.

The Dream Girls then went on to perform the songs "Move," which featured a talented female trio, and "Family," with two girls leading the ensemble. Both were good but they seemed to lack the same cohesion that the first song had. The group had all the parts to be amazing but they needed a little more practice.

They continued the show with the songs like "Dream Girl," "When I First Saw You" and "Changing." These songs varied in how coordinated they seemed but each singer was obviously talented. Several of the girls were



Some of the "Dream Girls" pose for a photo before the show.

PHOTO BY AMY CHRZANOWSKI

featured singers on other songs, but in "When I First Saw You," Stephenson did a duet with Ward. Both impressive singers, their song was perfectly soft and sweet, like a love song should be.

"Changing," which was sung by Ward along with DeFilippo and Rosenthal, was another impressive song. Each girl had her own style and tone of singing but blended really nicely. Their sound was sweet and clear and charmed the audience.

The Dream Girls ended with the songs "Hard to Say Goodbye" and "One Night Only." The group finished as strong as they started. Their last song had a nice harmony and showcased each member of the group instead of the few girls who were leading the songs before.

Overall, the group was strong and put on a good show. With a little more time, they will definitely be a group to watch out for.

Jarhead hits the mark, bulls-eye

By Joseph M. Caporoso
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

"Every war is different. Every war is the same," Sgt. Anthony Swofford tells us in the recently-released war movie *Jarhead*. Yet, this war movie isn't the same as any other you have seen. When you think of a war movie, most people will think of the violence of *Saving Private Ryan* or of loud explosions and graphic images. *Jarhead* has a little of all that; however, it isn't what carries the movie or what makes the movies special.

The key to this war movie isn't the action. It is the lack of action. Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) and his companions are trained meticulously and brutally by slightly crazy Staff Sgt. Sykes, played by Academy-Award winner Jamie Foxx. The comedic thing about all their training is that they never really have to use it.

They are called over to the Middle East to become a part of operation "Desert Shield" which was the protection of American oil in Saudi

Arabia. They arrive gung-ho, ready to kick some "Iraqi ass," but are soon disappointed to find that military life isn't all they thought it was going to be. Their days are dull and full of doing nothing but waiting.

As the days begin to mount, the soldiers slowly begin to lose their minds. Between the boredom, the mounting paranoia that the girls they left at home are cheating on them and the heat, all develop a deep hate of the desert and regret the decision they made to join the Marines.

Eventually, they get called to "action" in Kuwait. They become part of operation "Desert Storm." As a viewer, this is when you expect the fight scenes. However, outside of a quick truck bombing, Swofford and his crew always seem a step behind the action. The military doesn't have any use for them; they elect to use air strikes for all their attacking.

Finally, Swofford receives a call to snipe out a high ranking Iraqi official. This is his one chance to put all

his months of training to use. He lines up his shot, and just as he is about to fire he is stopped and informed they are just going to use an air strike instead. Disgusted, he begins to walk back to his troop. Upon hearing loud noises, he thinks he is approaching Iraqi troops. Instead, as he looks over the hill, he sees his drunken companions dancing in celebration over going home. To join in the fun, he shoots his rifle in the air, the only time he shoots it during his entire stay in the desert.

The movie succeeds in giving us an inside look at the life of a Marine. We see Swofford move from trusting his girlfriend, to becoming paranoid about her cheating on him, to accepting that she moved on without him. He is only twenty-years-old and he is definitely not the stereotypical war hero we see in the movies. Swofford is weak-minded and is in a constant state of regret about his decision to enlist. Gyllenhaal turns in a persuasive

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Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:20

Derailed

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Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Get Rich or Die Tryin'

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:10

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Fri. 12:00, 3:30, 10:20
Sat. 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
Sun. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00

Jarhead

Fri. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:30

Walk the Line

Fri. 3:45, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 3:45, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 12:45, 3:45, 7:10

The Legend of Zorro

Fri. 1:10, 7:00
Sat. 1:10, 7:00
Sun. 1:10, 7:00

Saw II

Fri. 4:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 10:00
Sun. 4:10

Zathura

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
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Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Single and loving it: why you don't need a significant other to be happy

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Although most people would like to be in a committed relationship with another person, sometimes it just doesn't happen. But what's really so bad about being single? There are many awesome ways that being single can enhance your life and prepare you for the future.

1. You'll develop better friendships. Let's be honest, if you have a boy/girlfriend, do you really spend equal amounts of time with your friends and your partner like you tell yourself and promise to your friends? No. The truth is, in college you will be making friends that you will have for the rest of your life. You are old enough now to meet people who you will get along with and share the same values and create lasting friendships with. But how will you ever really get to know these potential life-long friends if you spend every night watching TV with your boy/girlfriend? Single

people have a much greater opportunity to develop meaningful friendships, because they can devote their entire self and much more of their time to the friendship.

2. Enjoying time unattached gives you the ability and power to have high standards. One of the greatest dating lessons anyone can ever learn is this: never settle. You are a special person who has a lot to offer a significant other or lover. Time spent being single can help you discover what kind of qualities you are really looking for in a person, instead of jumping head first into a relationship with any old guy and hoping it all works out. This alone time can also help you decide what kind of qualities you want to bring to a relationship, not just the ones you are looking for in someone else. Set your standards and stick to them.

3. School, jobs, work...who has the time for dating? The key word

here is time. As a single person, you have much more freedom to prioritize your time and decide what things in your life are truly important. Maybe you enjoy volunteering or charity work. Maybe you are supporting yourself financially and you have to work 40 hours a week on

top of going to classes. A significant other can take up a lot of time that could be wisely spent on other things. You also have the freedom to make your life decisions without pressure from an outside source. These decisions could be as small as choosing to have dinner in the Garden Room or General's Quarters or as big as where you are applying for graduate school.

4. You won't be known as "so-and-so's girl/boyfriend." Although some people might want to dispute this, as college students, we are still trying to find our identity and figure out where we fit in and belong in this world. When you can only iden-

tify yourself as "Joe's girlfriend," then you really aren't trying to discover the person underneath that title. It's cool to be single because it gives you the chance to be an individual, to figure out things about your life without outside input and grow into the awesome person you were created to be.

5. Bad hair day? Sweaty palms? Who cares? When you are single, you don't have to constantly worry about your appearance or be concerned with making sure your partner always finds you attractive. You can wear sweatpants on a Friday night and watch TV and eat a tub of Ben and Jerry's and it doesn't matter! You don't always have to worry about making a good impression and you are free to be who you are, not what someone else wants you to be.

You can be confident with who you are becoming and who you will become--not a mirror reflection of

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Book Review: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

By Christina Lucarelli
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It's hard not to instantly fall in love with Oskar Schell. He's a Shakespearean actor, an inventor and an astrophysicist and among other things, he's only nine-years-old. In *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, Jonathan Safran Foer's sophomore novel to *Everything is Illuminated*, we follow the bright, imaginative and slightly paranoid Oskar through a post 9/11 New York.

He is on a quest for a lock he thinks was left somewhere in the big city by his father, who perished in the 9/11 attacks. The majority of the book is through his eyes, and his

precocious nine-year-old vocabulary is a refreshing childlike twist on the events that shaped our nation after Sept. 11th. Using terms like "heavy boots" to describe being depressed, or saying "Jose" instead of "no way" are just a few of the trademark phrases that Foer coined through Oskar in his novel.

As he delves deeper and deeper into his hunt, he meets a diverse cast of characters, including a 103-year-old war veteran, a random estranged lover and a tour guide who never leaves the Empire State Building, all of whom have the same last name, "Black". Each one, in their own way, helps him learn about his father's last days on earth, and bring him closer to the answer

he was looking for when he started his search.

The novel is littered with photos of places Oskar has been, people he has met and just about everything in between. Foer's love of using unconventional techniques in designing his novels is what makes them such clever and enjoyable reads. This story is a truly unique one, told through the eyes of a heartbreaking and wonderful little boy, whose inventions and visions create an atmosphere of sheer wonder.

Also, the story of Oskar's search is broken up by the sophisticated and older language of his grandparents, whose own story is paralleled in the novel alongside it. This is

quite characteristic of Foer, as he used a similar format in his debut novel, *Everything is Illuminated*.

Their story alternates with Oskar's, and recalls how their life was forever changed by the fire bombings in Dresden, Germany so many years ago. As the young boy searches through the rubble of his own life to discover the secret left to him by his father, the grandparents sift through the destruction and ruin that haunted their lives as well.

These two narratives play off each other well and rely on one another until the end of the novel when they finally interlock to complete this fabulous story of dreams, hope and the endurance of family.

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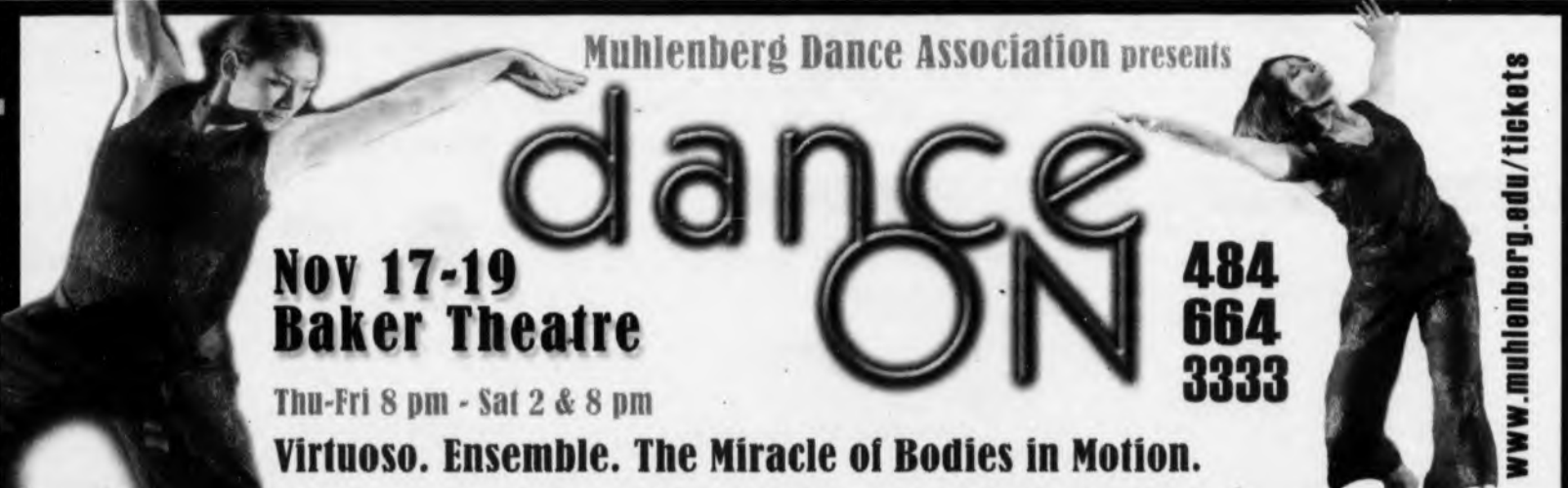
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By Elvira McErutuf

Aries

Ever heard of Murphy's Law? It's when whatever goes wrong, will go wrong. You're about to get to know it really well. This goes double for you, poor Aries. Don't get frustrated and all bent out of shape or you will end up causing more trouble for yourself. Take it like a man and hopefully, when I read my crystal ball for you next week, things will have changed and all will be right in your world.

Taurus

It's all about to come out...you know what I'm talking about--that dirty little secret that you thought no one knew about and that you only wrote about in your online blog under that secret screenname. Well, it's out. There is a possibility for your social life not to totally crash and burn. Your parents might not even disown you! Handle it with a little bit of class and you might even make yourself a better person.

Gemini

So here's the deal: you're the most supportive sign out there. You're ready to listen and give advice to everyone. You're so good you repeatedly ask to make SURE that they follow through with your advice too! I mean no one knows better than you right? But now your friends hate you. Such is the price for greatness, I know. But if you want to keep some people around, try letting them do things on their own.

Cancer

First semester is almost done! Just a few more weeks to go! At times like this it's important to evaluate how things are going. Time to prepare, for the end is near! Look for new experiences and move on without fear. All things will turn out fine in the end. Especially look at the new relationships you've formed this first semester. Some people are worth keeping around and some you really should get rid of.

Leo

Feeling out of control lately? Not in a bad way, but the best things just keep happening to you? Well, don't give yourself too much credit yet. A professor or contact you've met this semester has been putting a good word in for you where it counts. So now's the time to really be thankful! Since you don't know who it is, make sure those around you know how much you appreciate them.

Virgo

"Days of Dread" or "Week of Woe" are both good titles for your week, Virgo. This is the start of one long tantrum for you. So go on and warn the ones you love and the ones you live with. You know they're the people who will have to put up with all your complaining anyway. This isn't just going to be a mood swing--you're in for the long haul. Good luck!

Libra

Money is coming your way! Woohoo! It's been a little while since you've added to the bank account and just taken money out. It's ok to get excited, but remember that now is not the time to spend. You've got big expenses coming up like Christmas, birthdays and more. So when you get this money put it in the bank and just wait. You're going to be happy to have the extra money in your pocket soon enough.

Scorpio

You're getting older now and fate has decided that it's now time for you to mature. Yep, and not just personally but also with your relationships. Oooo...little bit of a chill with that word right? But relax, because that emotional emptiness you've been feeling is about to be filled! Not to mention you'll end up with a group that will give you an emotional safety net for future issues. Just remember to open up.

Sagittarius

Thanksgiving! Typically a time to be thankful for all you have at home and what you've been given. However, for you this year Thanksgiving is going to bring some changes at home. So don't get stuck wishing for what you had at home before, but be glad for the new opportunity. So before you start looking for a new place to hang your hat, think back to this article and try to remain open-minded.

Capricorn

You try and be the strong and silent type. Usually you can pull it off pretty well too. In fact, you pride yourself in being a good confidant. When you do express yourself you are careful with the words you use, too. This, however, usually leaves those close to you guessing about what's going on with you when you are silent. Try to open up a little bit more and trust others to be your confidant too.

Aquarius

Unplug the phones, turn off the computer and get ready to relax. You've been working hard lately and had some troubling times. There won't be a whole lot going on except for the normal everyday things like class. So it's time to catch up with things or just chill. So start looking at the raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, because now is the time for your favorite things!

Pisces

There are going to be issues with someone close to you this week. S/he is going to have some pretty strong opinions about things, too. Before you explode with your viewpoint on the topic, stop yourself and try to listen. All they're looking for is a little understanding from you. Pisces, you did write the book on strong feelings, so try and be patient. You'll be better for it. I promise.

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performance in the lead role.

Foxx continues on his recent tear as one of Hollywood's most talented actors. His performance as Staff Sgt. Sykes injects energy into the movie and shows the other side of military life. Sykes loves his job and is the stereotypical soldier we are used to seeing in war movies. I wouldn't be surprised if Foxx receives another nomination from the Academy for his performance in this movie.

The final key element to this movie is the humor. I didn't expect to laugh out loud nearly as much as I did when I entered the theater. The first ten minutes, when Swofford is berated by a lieutenant, is an absolute riot. The jokes continue throughout the movie, which pokes

fun at how Marines occupy all the down time they have. Foxx is consistent in delivering jokes that should have audiences around the country in hysterics. *Jarhead* is a successful mix of high-quality acting, comedy and an introspective look into the life of a Marine. It appeals to a variety of interests and could be enjoyed by many different people.

The movie clearly takes a few subtle jabs at the necessity of the Persian Gulf War; however, it by no means is a strong criticism of our government.

Democrats, Republicans, Greens and people who don't give a damn about politics but are just looking for a laugh will all enjoy *Jarhead*. It's got everything you could want-- humor, a little action, great actors and one heck of a plot.

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what someone else wants you to be.

Now don't get me wrong--to anyone reading this who is in a happy, healthy and fulfilling relationship, I applaud you. I am not trying to make anyone's relationship seem like a parasitic one with two people who don't really care about each other. A good partner can help you

discover things about yourself that you never knew, but so can being single. A special connection with another human being is rare, and we only experience so many in our lives. So take the time between relationships or before even entering one to nurture the most important relationship in your life: the one with yourself. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

Recipes

Apple Crumble

It's National Apple month! Now is the time to celebrate the beloved fruit with an apple recipe. It requires more ingredients than the past recipes, so for those of you who can't do this one just yet, grab yourself an apple and appreciate it!

a baking dish

2 medium apples

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar

1/4 cup water

1/4 cup rolled oats

1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt

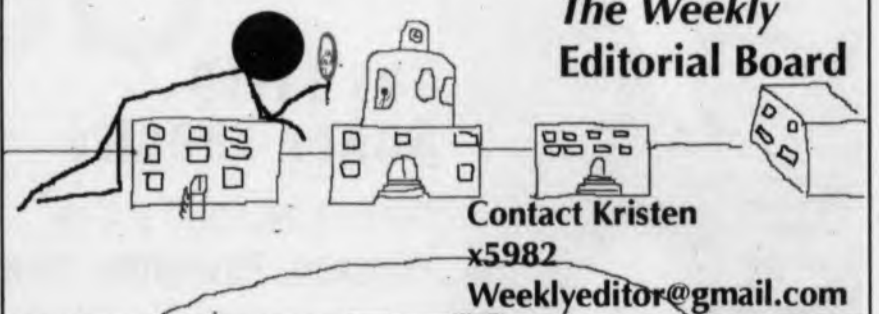
2 teaspoons cold unsalted butter, cut into bits

Preheat oven to 375°F. Peel and core apples. Cut apples into thin slices and toss with lemon juice and 1 tablespoon brown sugar in a bowl. Put apples into baking dish and sprinkle some water on top. Bake for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, stir the rest (including the remaining tablespoon of brown sugar) in a bowl until combined. Rub butter into mixture for topping until evenly distributed. Sprinkle topping over apples and bake until topping is golden, 25 to 30 minutes more, and enjoy!

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Consistent leader and athlete

Mule Profile--Dale Mills

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With the season barely underway, Senior wrestler Dale Mills already has a championship under his belt.

Mills won the 157-pound championship at the King's College's Monarch Invitational this past weekend, winning all four contests and upsetting the 2005 Middle Atlantic Conference runner-up in the finals of the championship bracket. This win brought his career gold medal count to two, in addition to four second-place finishes.

Mills, a two-year co-captain at the College, has enjoyed a successful wrestling career since he began the sport in the second grade. A four-year varsity wrestler at Wilson-West Lawn (Wernersville, Pa.), he was ranked in the top six in the region all four years and was named All-County three times. A co-Captain of the squad his last two seasons, Mills received All-State accolades as a senior.

In his debut season at the College, Mills compiled a 28-7 record but was unable to compete in the Centennial Conference Championship because of an injury. However, he beat McDaniel College's Bryan Hamper, the Conference Champion, earlier in the regular season. Mills was named Rookie of the Year and also won the Takedown Cancer award as he earned 90 points in takedowns, which was the most points on the team.

Wrestling at middle-weight (149 lbs.) as a sophomore, Mills won the Conference Championship and advanced to the NCAAs in Dubuque, Iowa, where he ultimately fell in his two match-ups. His losses came against a three-

time and a two-time All-American. One was lost by only a single point, but he finished at 26-10. He ranked second in the Conference with ten pins on the season.

Suffering from two stress fractures in his back, Mills missed most of the 2004-2005 season, but pushed through for a final record of 14-5. He reached the finals in the Conference Championship, but finished as a runner-up by a 10-7 decision to a King's Point College wrestler who had been ranked as high as second in DIII throughout the season.

Switching to the 157-pound weight class this year, Mills entered his senior season with a team-leading 68 career wins and 19 pins. The team outlook is bright according to Mills: "Loesch [Junior teammate Matt Loesch] will be a key wrestler this year as he has been in the past, but the difference this year is that we have a full roster, which has never happened in my career here. The team looked great this weekend and the freshman wrestled well. They've stepped in nicely."

Off the mats, Mills is an International Studies major, with a concentration in Global Trade and International Business, and a Spanish minor. He worked near San Juan, P.R. this past summer doing "accounting-like work. It was a great expe-



Senior Dale Mills has been a staple member of the Mules' wrestling team since freshman year.

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rience and I was able to gain my fluency in Spanish." Upon graduation, Mills hopes to find a position in sales that will enable him to use his Spanish skills.

As far as Mills' personal objectives for his final season, he names three: "I'd like to be named All-American, win the Conference in my weight class and advance to the NCAAs."

All of these goals seem possible, as he already has the King's Monarch Invitational Championship under his belt after the first competition. A strong wrestler the past three seasons, Mills is sure to close out the final year of his career on a positive note.

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Monarch Invitational spurs hope for a stellar season to come



Junior Matt Loesch is one of the returning wrestlers with a promising season ahead. The Mules have had a promising season thus far and finished seventh in this past weekend's Monarch Invitational.

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By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's wrestlers showed strength with a full roster at King's College's Monarch Invitational this past weekend. The team overall improved one spot from last year and finished seventh. This year the team had 68 takedowns compared to 37 from last year.

Senior co-Captain Chris Gibson said, "We wrestled really well for a first tournament. The freshmen are still transitioning to a more physical style of wrestling, and we are looking forward to a great season."

The team wrestled well despite missing two wrestlers who were playing football. Junior Matt Loesch, 197 lbs., and Sophomore heavyweight Chris Swenson will return to wrestling within the next few weeks.

Senior co-Captain Dale Mills, 157 lbs., took first place in his respective championship. He was 4-0 with two decisions, a pin and a decision of 8-4 in the final match. "It feels good to win because I haven't placed there since I was a freshman."

A strong effort was shown by all the freshmen. Freshman Billy

Hall, 133 lbs., took second place in the tournament. He ended 4-1, winning with two major decisions and two pins, but was pinned in the final match. "It feels great to place in my first collegiate competition," said Hall. "It is fantastic that I can get my name out there and show the potential I have. The biggest obstacle was the endurance that college wrestling takes, but practice made me ready for competition."

Freshman Rob Kein reached the consolation semifinals for 141 lbs. and ended

with a record of 3-2. He came one match away from wrestling for third or fourth place. Freshman Justin Fitch, 165 lbs., was 2-2 with two decisions. Freshman Matt Friedman, 133 lbs., won two matches with a technical fall (15-0) and a decision. The team has high hopes for the season. Frank Pepe '05, a former captain, went to support the team. He said, "I think the team exceeded any pre-season expectations with an outstanding performance. They look strong, conditioned and hungry. If the hard work and great attitude keeps up, I do not see any ceiling they can reach."

The Mules' next match will be at Fall Brawl, hosted by Ursinus College this Saturday.

WRESTLING

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Hockey loses close game

By Tiffany Kirk and Betsy Stoller
SPORTS EDITOR AND ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, the Mules aggressively took to the ice against LaSalle College, but they ultimately lost a close contest, 5-4.

The Mules traveled to Philadelphia, Pa. in order to play against LaSalle in the Division II section of the Delaware Valley Hockey Conference, which is a part of the American Club Hockey Association.

This marked the first appearance for Junior Captain Peter Palomaki and Sophomore Jonathan Kliwer. Because they also play on the College's men's soccer team, they became eligible to play as of Wednesday when the men's soccer team ended their season.

The Mules were down 5-1 entering into the third period. Yet by the end of the period they were able to make a comeback, scoring three more goals. However, it was not enough for the Mules to take the win.

At the end of each game at the Delaware Valley Hockey Conference, three stars are

awarded by the referees to three players on either team who they felt played the best. In this match, Senior Brandon Zanan was given one of three stars for the first time in his career.

"We were working really well as a team, but we need to keep our momentum going from the first period to the second and the third periods. Right now we are able to play with the best, but we need to work on playing strong throughout the entirety of the game. I am optimistic that we are only going to get stronger as the season continues," said Senior Brendan Haney.

During the contest, freshmen defenders Craig Morone and Robbie Janowitz were injured.

"With two defenders gone," said Junior Lee Sheehan, "we really have to step it up to cover their ground. Besides their injuries, it was a good game. We have to play through that."

The Mules' next game is against competitor Millersville University at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 18.

ICE

HOCKEY

Mules lose final game, but look forward to next year

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College ended their season with a 24-7 loss to Moravian College.

A scoreless first quarter was followed by a Moravian field goal four minutes into the second quarter. The Mules quickly answered with a 94-yard kick-off return by Senior Phil Gasker for a touchdown.

Gasker said, "It was exciting to make a play that got us back in the game. We always talked about going out with a bang," said Gasker. "But unfortunately we couldn't get the win."

Sophomore Jordan Grube kicked for the extra point. The score was 7-3 until Moravian's touchdown run with 8:22 left in the half. At the half, Moravian led 10-7. The Greyhounds let loose in the third quarter, scoring two touchdowns and leaving the Mules with little hope on the scoreboard, which now read 24-7.

However, their luck changed at the end of the third quarter. Freshman quarterback Eric Santagato pushed ahead 80 yards in seven plays. As the clock reset for the fourth quarter, Santagato ran four yards into the endzone. This was the Mules' first offensive touchdown in the last 14 quarters they have played. They did not obtain the extra point.

Santagato showed he could scramble and throw as he ran twice for a collective 23 yards and completed two passes to Senior Kyle Douglass for 36 yards. With 7:16 left in the game, Douglass found the endzone for a crowd roaring touchdown, his seventh of the season. It was followed by a failed attempt for two points.

In the next possession, a fake punt resulted in a complete pass, but was short of the first down.

The College then fumbled a punt, which gave

Moravian possession and the ability to run the clock out.

The Mules regained possession at 2:22 left in the game, but were unable to score. However, a great catch was made by a cheerleader when a pass was thrown out of bounds.

Senior Mark Bennett said, "It was bitter-sweet. We played well, but it just wasn't good enough because we lost."

FOOTBALL

The College's 3-7 record is the first losing record since 1997. The Mules ended ten points or less behind in all seven losses. The team will say good-bye to 19 seniors, many of whom are leaving on a high note. This season Douglass gained 90 yards in five passes and Senior Alex Miller had a career high of 13 tackles. Senior Tom Wargacki had three tackles for a loss and Senior Justin Adair had an interception. Despite the loss of such key players, Santagato was given the Most Valuable Player award and is showing great potential for the coming seasons.

"I felt honored to be awarded the MVP. I'm really excited for next year and I think that if we



Sophomore Ross Tanner charges down the field in an attempt to dodge a tackle.

Weekly File Photo

can correct some things we will do well," said Santagato.

On Nov. 14, Senior Dan McCall was named the Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Year with four of his teammates: Douglass and Seniors Will Corbin and Carl Slabicki. Seven other Mules received Conference honors.



Freshman Greg Leischner dribbles the ball down the field in an attempt to swerve the ball away from a Wesleyan College player.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

SOCCER

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Senior James Henshaw once late in the first half and once early in the second. Henshaw was one of eight seniors who played in his final game at the College.

Even though the game ended in defeat, "The game was fun. Both teams played really hard. Wesleyan was relentless and they put up a good fight," said Assous.

"Being at home, we should have taken advantage of the crowd and still been playing now," added Assous. "The crowd was great, it was a great atmosphere to play in. For me, it was my first time playing in an NCAA game, as well as many of the other guys," said Assous. "A lot of the younger guys stepped up and played great, particularly Freshmen Bill Dalton and Greg Leischner in the back," said Assous. "Chris went out with a bang, but he

played well throughout the season."

In regards to the season as a whole, Assous said, "Winning the Conference was our goal, so all in all we did what we wanted to do. Anytime you accomplish a goal, it's a success. We had a great team and our senior class is going to be missed. They were the core of our team, all the way from Adam Milberg to James Henshaw. They're all great."

Senior Jose Ramirez shared the same positive sentiments and retrospection as of Assous. "We had a pretty good season and winning the Conference tournament was exhilarating. We were hoping to go further it was unfortunate that it had to end so soon. It's been a fun four years here, and I'm going to miss everything about the time spent playing college soccer from the sport, to the team, to the fans. It was a great and unforgettable experience and career," said Ramirez.

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Rollercoaster season ends at the bottom



Freshman Bill Dalton kicks the ball past competitors from Wesleyan College during their final game of the season.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

By Adrienne Verbich
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The rollercoaster season that the men's soccer team endured this fall ended last Wednesday with a loss to Wesleyan College (CT).

The Cardinals, making their first NCAA appearance, beat the Mules in overtime by a score of 3-2. The winning goal was scored three minutes into overtime and it ended a match in which the College came back twice from one-goal deficits by scoring late in each half.

Wesleyan opened the scoring with eight minutes left in the first half, but with just a minute remaining, Sophomore Karim Assous headed in a cross from Senior Christopher King to tie the score 1-1.

Early in the second half, the Cardinals struck again to make the score 2-1.

The score remained 2-1 until there were just two minutes to play in regulation when King one-timed a

shot to the upper-right corner of the net for his 13th goal of the season. His final tally of 13 goals was the most by any player at the College since 1997.

The game bore a similarity to the College's first-round game two years ago, against Gordon College. The Mules tied that game 2-2 on a late goal, but advanced in the tournament by winning a shootout.

This game was different though, as Wesleyan maintained control of the ball during overtime.

The Mules had their chances; however, they could not finish any of their shots during a game that was delayed 75 minutes due to heavy rain and lightening. Also, the game was played on a very muddy field.

Wesleyan's goalie played a fantastic game, robbing

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Mules race to a strong season finish

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

This past Saturday, the weather conditions seemed optimal for a cross-country race with sunny skies and temperatures nearing 60 degrees. This weather differed greatly to last year's NCAA Mideast Regional race that withstood freezing temperatures and snowy conditions. Regionals was held at Carlisle High School in Carlisle, Pa., which is Dickinson College's home course. Both teams had outstanding finishes with the women finishing 11th out of 47 teams and the men finishing eighth out of 42 teams.

The men raced in a solid pack with a mere 43-second difference between the first and fifth runners. Junior Lex Mercado led the way for the Mules with Junior Tim Seeley finishing three seconds behind him. Junior Steve Rothwell, Senior Brian McElroy and Freshman Tim VanSyckle rounded out the top five runners. VanSyckle was the only freshman to compete in Regionals and his strong finish earned him a spot on the Freshman All-Regional team. Senior Pat Breault and Junior Dave Chesny were the sixth and seventh Mules to cross the

finish line.

The women were able to beat Franklin & Marshall College, who defeated the Mules in Conference Championships. Senior Karen Mount was the story of the day, finishing fourth out of a race of over 200 runners to become the first

runner in College history to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships, which will be held this Saturday at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Following Mount to complete the top five College runners were Freshman

Janette Adams, Freshman Kathryn Niedzwiecki, Sophomore Christy Groff, and Sophomore Laura Clinton. Freshman Cari Baumgartner and Sophomore Annie DeMuth finished out the top seven runners. All runners improved their times from their last race on the same course. With such a young team, the Mules have high hopes for their future.

Both Mule teams had their second highest finish ever in Regionals. The Mules defeated Moravian College, which added two Matte Award points to the College which, in addition to the football results, ties the standings at 4-4 going

into the winter season.

Commenting on her milestone, Mount said, "I knew I had it in me to qualify. I just needed to race smart and run with confidence."

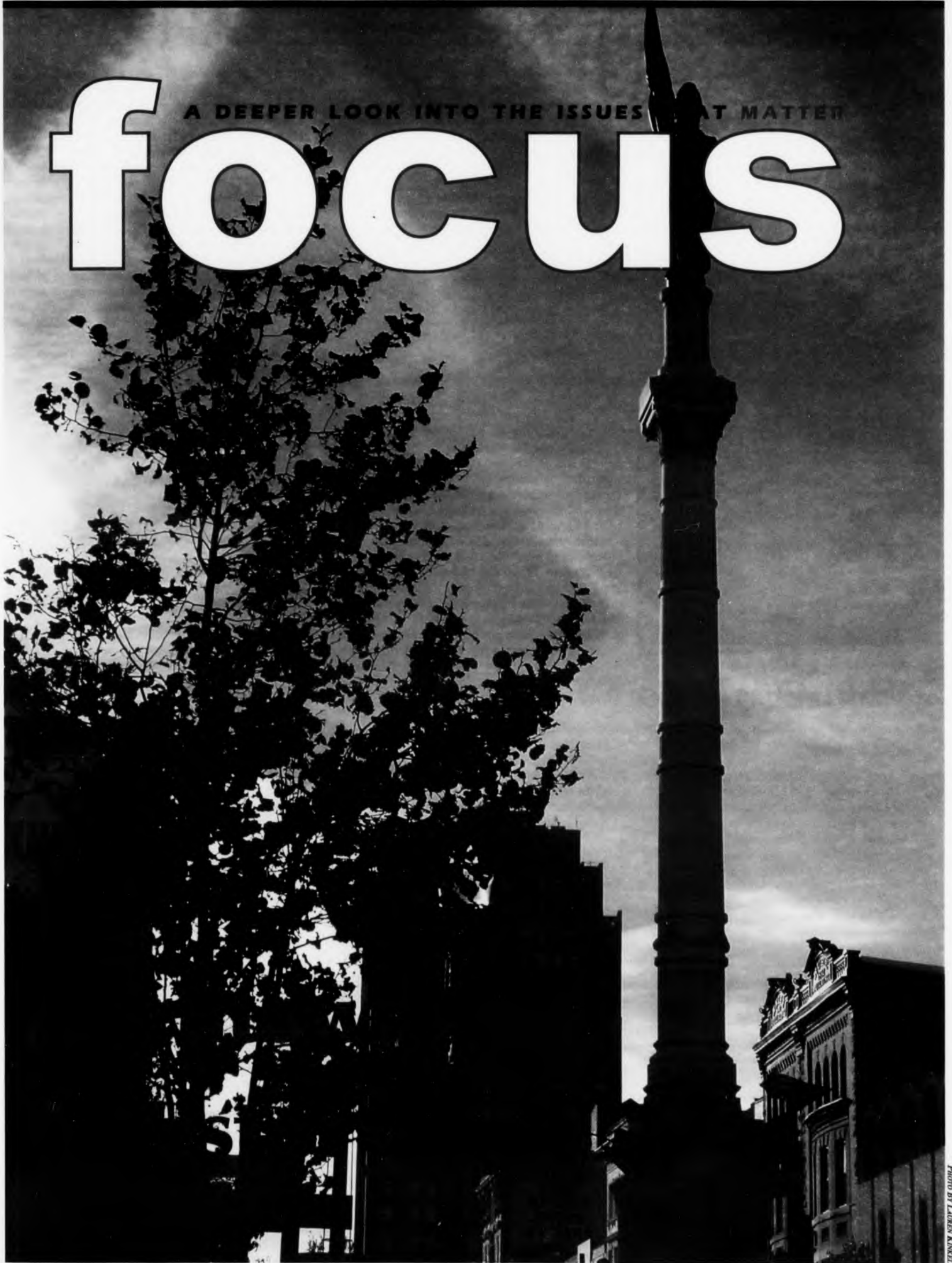
"It's very exciting to be the first female to qualify, it is great to achieve this after four years," said Mount. "I hope this will be the beginning of many more to qualify in the. I hope the women's program can benefit from this accomplishment and improve upon what was done this year."

After Thanksgiving Break, indoor track practice begins for the Mules' cross-country runners. Their first meet will be on Jan. 13 at Kutztown University.

CROSS COUNTRY

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER



By Stacy Romascavage
Asst. Focus Editor

William Allen founded the city of Allentown in 1760. Allen, one of the wealthiest men in eighteenth century Pennsylvania, acquired thousands of acres of land in the Lehigh Valley. On Sept. 10, 1735, Joseph Turner, a business partner of Allen, sold him 5,000 acres close to the Lehigh River. Allen planned to build a community within these newly acquired 5,000 acres. Allen's new town began to quickly attract thousands of immigrants, mostly Germans. The Lehigh



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Valley developed a strong following of Lutherans due to its large German population.

During the first years of settling in the Lehigh Valley, the immigrants established farms ranging in size from 100 to 300 acres. As the years progressed, settlers began to form smaller towns surrounding present-day Allentown, such as Emmaus, Salisbury, Whitehall and Siegersville, which were formed in the late 1740s. In the early 1760s, German immigrants continued to arrive in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Germans loved the area because of its rich farming soil and streams. However, since the area was not heavily occupied, the new settlers thought that they could claim all the land. This caused conflict between the settlers and the Native Americans: the Native Americans were eventually forced off their land in the infamous "Walking Purchase" of 1737.

During the French and Indian War, the area around Allentown suffered from constant attack. To solve this problem, a series of forts were constructed in 1756. However, these forts could not defend the settlements from the Native American attacks. By 1760, the farmers needed a safe place to sell their crops locally instead of sending them down to Philadelphia, Pa. and risking attack from Native Americans. To solve this problem, Allen set aside 700 acres of land and Allentown was formed.

Most of the city's residents came from the surrounding area and after 1760 the city continued to grow. However, its early growth was slow, due to a devastating drought and the effects of a Native American rebellion led by a chief named Pontiac.

The lack of adequate transportation also hindered development, even though the city sat on

the road connecting Reading and Easton.

By the time of the Revolutionary War, Allentown was wrapped up in the political turmoil that enveloped much of the country. In 1776, the city began to organize a militia which would join George Washington's army. When the possibility of British invasion threatened the area in 1777, the Continental Congress ordered all brass objects, including bells, to be removed from the city. Consequently, the Liberty Bell was taken from Philadelphia and hidden in the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown.

During the Revolutionary War, Allentown was the site of important war industries, including cartridge making, saddle making and scabbard manufacturing. Many of the Valley's residents served in the war, including Peter Trexler Jr., a member of the local Trexler family.

Source: *Allentown 1762-1987: A 225-Year History*
Edited by Mahlon H. Hellerich

The Lenne Lenape

The Lenne Lenape was a Native American tribe located in eastern Pennsylvania near the Delaware River. The European settlers referred to them as the 'Delaware.' The Lenne Lenape was divided into three groups: Minsi, Unami and Unalachtigos. Two well-known Lenne Lenape Native Americans were Lapowinsa and Tishcohan. The Lenne Lenape were a peaceful tribe who had a good relationship with the Quakers and complied with the rules of the Iroquois Confederation.

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Compiled by Stacy Romascavage

From Dinks to OIT: A changing Muhlenberg

By Kelly Cannon
Reference Librarian

Muhlenberg College began in downtown Allentown in 1848 as Allentown Seminary, an institution that trained teachers. In 1864, the name changed to Allentown Collegiate and Military Institute (a name typical for Civil War-era schools). The Institute failed and was put up for sale in 1867, only to be bought by the local Lutheran Church and renamed Muhlenberg College in honor of the Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the father of the Lutheran Church in America.

At the turn of the century, Muhlenberg College was relocated to the West End of Allentown, allowing the College to expand into its present park-like setting of lawn and shade trees.

The first buildings included one on the site of what is now Ettinger and a quadrangle of dormitories that now comprise East Hall. The president lived some yards away, in a building called Gabriel House; it now houses the Wescoe School.

The years following World War I saw a dramatic increase nationwide in the number of young men and women desirous of attending college. In 1928, 428 students attended Muhlenberg, a dramatic increase from earlier years, necessitating the construction of new buildings including a library (now the Haas College Center), a chapel and a science building

(now Trumbower).

The years following World War II saw another increase in enrollment, largely due to the G.I. Bill, necessitating a capital campaign, and the building of a health center, a new residence hall (Martin Luther) and Memorial Hall.

As a consequence, the course of Muhlenberg history was altered forever: one of the major donors to the building campaign, the Lutheran Ministerium, made as a condition of their donation that women be admitted to Muhlenberg. In 1957, the College officially became co-ed.

As an all-male college, Muhlenberg had imposed numerous rules on its students, especially on freshmen. First-year students had to wear a dink (a beanie with a small brim) complete with a button on the brim that had to be touched at the request of upper classmen. Freshmen would also typically be asked to show the socks they were wearing. Such rules were printed in the "M" book.

As the school transitioned into a co-ed institution, and in response to cultural shifts of the 1960s and 1970s, the rules softened and the focus shifted from social rituals to academic integrity.

Policies and procedures replaced mandates. Since 1962, the College instituted an academic honor code, placing the responsibility of academic honesty on students themselves.

The move to co-education necessitated new spaces for student interaction. Seegers Union opened in 1963 as a space for dining and other

social events. The latter half of the centuryl the addition of a new spacious library on the south side of Chew Street, as well as an arts center designed by renowned architect Philip Johnson. Since 1979, the front lawn of the College has been graced with an enormous red sculpture, titled *Victor's Lament*, by Mark Di Suvero.

Academics at Muhlenberg College originally centered on the classics, including the prescribed Greek and Latin. Since that time, a growing interest in the liberal arts has meant greatly expanded curricular offerings, from mathematics to literature to business to philosophy to political science to biology.

In recent years, the College has enriched the curriculum with first-year seminars, self-designed majors, self-directed inquiry, writing across the curriculum, semesters abroad and the Dana Associates program. In doing so the College has assured that its students have a wide variety of educational opportunities.

Mentoring has also been a long standing tradition at Muhlenberg and the College maintains its commitment to small class sizes and concern for its students while still providing for a rigorous academic experience.

As Muhlenberg progresses into the twenty first century, the College looks forward to a climate of continued expansion and enrichment of the educational experience of the Student Body. Muhlenberg has come a long way in its 157 year history and it will learn from its history as it continues to educate students well into the future.

Coal hard steel: The rise of an industrial giant

By John Malsberger, Ph.D.
Professor of History

For nearly 80 years after its founding in 1762, Allentown's economy grew only slightly. As the newest major town in the Lehigh Valley and the one farthest from the Delaware River, which was then the major artery of transportation, Allentown served mainly as a market center to which the agricultural produce from surrounding farms was sent and from which finished products were distributed. Allentown's economy began to change dramatically in 1840 and for the next 150 years, through three distinct eras, the city played an important role in the American national economy.

Local historians argue that the American industrial revolution got its start in 1840 just north of Allentown. On July 4 of that year David Thomas, a young Welsh immigrant, commenced operation of the first blast furnace in the United States that used anthracite coal to produce iron. Thomas' furnace greatly reduced the production costs of commercial quantities of iron and had an almost immediate impact on Allentown's economy. Because of the recently constructed Lehigh Canal that connected the coal mines of northeastern Pennsylvania with Philadelphia via the Lehigh River, Allentown was well situated to take advantage of Thomas' innovation. By the 1850s, the production of anthracite iron and the fabrication of it into a host of finished products from railroad rails to nails had become the chief activities that dominated Allentown's thriving industrial economy for the next 25 years. But Allentown's prosperity in this era was particularly dependent on the sale of iron rails to railroads and when the Panic of 1873 caused several prominent railroads to fail, Allentown's economy was devastated.

One important lesson Allentown's leaders learned from the Panic of 1873 was that as long as the city's economy depended on only the iron industry, its prosperity would continue to be acutely susceptible to the vagaries of the business cycle. As a result, after 1873 Allentown sought consciously to diversify its economy. Local business leaders formed a board of trade and subscribed to an industrial fund that was used to attract new businesses to the city. Those efforts succeeded in 1881 when the board of trade agreed to construct a new factory at 3rd and Hamilton Streets for the Phoenix



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Manufacturing Company of Paterson, N.J., which agreed to relocate to Allentown.

The opening of the Adelaide Silk Mill quickly attracted a host of new businesses to Allentown including more silk mills, a major wire mill whose products helped to build the Brooklyn Bridge, major cement mills and, in 1905, the truck factory of the Mack Brothers of Brooklyn, NY. Although the silk industry was the dominant force in the city's economy for most of this era, Allentown's prosperity increasingly came to depend on a wide variety of businesses. Allentown's silk industry was subsequently crippled by the invention of synthetic fabrics such as rayon after World War I and never recovered from the effects of the Great Depression.

Like the national economy, Allentown's economy did not begin to recover from the Great Depression until the late 1930s when the US began to mobilize for World War II. Because of its established industrial base and its propitious geographic location, Allentown played an important role in the wartime mobilization. Mack Trucks was a leading manufacturer of vehicles for the armed forces, the local cement and steel mills made vital contributions to national defense and an Allentown company, Vultee Aircraft, produced war planes for the US Army.

Allentown's economy was thus revived and expanded by World War II and when two new industries, Western Electric and Air Products, opened manufacturing facilities shortly after the war, the city's economy generated abundant prosperity and employment for the next forty years.

Because Allentown's industrial economy in the post-World War II era was an integral part of the American economy, however, it could not escape national economic trends. By the early 1970s as American "smokestack" industries grappled with the growing obsolescence of their production facilities and increased foreign competition, Allentown's industrial base rapidly eroded. By the early 1980s, local steel mills, once a source of jobs for many in the city, began to cut back and eventually closed their doors.

In 1987, Mack Trucks relocated its main production facilities to South Carolina in search of lower labor costs. And most recently, Western Electric also ceased manufacturing in the city. Although Allentown today struggles to recover from the collapse of its industrial base and looks toward an uncertain future, residents can perhaps take some comfort in the knowledge that the city has rebounded from similar economic travail in the past.



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Bethlehem and Allentown: Pennsylvania's Twin Cities

Bethlehem, Allentown's neighboring city, was founded in 1741 by a small group of Moravians. (Today, the Moravians, also known as Unitas Fratrum, are the oldest organized Protestant denomination in the world.) Bethlehem officially received its name when Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, of Saxony, Germany, visited the settlement and christened the villagers. In 1747, Bethlehem became a well-known trading post and exported other goods throughout the colonies. By 1845, Bethlehem had 1,000 citizens and wanted to include their town in the free borough in the county of Northampton. In 1937, Bethlehem was called "the Christmas city for the entire country" due to the fact that it was named on Christmas Day, 1741. Today, Bethlehem has 71,000 citizens and still retains its colonial spirit.

(Source: <http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/about/history/index.htm>)

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Rebuilding and renewing: The future of the Valley

By Jefferson Pooley, Ph.D.
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f the slow death of Bethlehem Steel was tragedy, then the imminent slots-and-lofts redevelopment of its idled riverside steelworks is farce. Harmless and predictable farce, but farce still.

Twenty-eight years after "Black Sunday"—ten years since the company shuttered its flagship Bethlehem plant and a mere four years since bankruptcy—a consortium of developers led by casino giant Las Vegas Sands plans to turn 130 acres of abandoned foundries and blast furnaces into a theme-park mix of stores, apartments, a casino hotel and even a concert arena.

This means that the steelworks, with its craggy Lehigh River reflection, will no longer symbolize post-industrial American decay. It's worth reflecting on how brief-lived that status was: for most of the twentieth century, Bethlehem Steel was a Fortune 500 icon, the world's second biggest steel company. "The Steel" only entered its two-decade death throes in the late 1970s. As recently as the early 1990s, steel was still being made in Bethlehem, Pa.

The company finally closed its Bethlehem plant in 1996. The acres of abandoned industry were, for a few short years, the stuff of coffee table nostalgia and regional despair. The steelworks—black but no longer Satanic—had just settled into their dereliction when developers (and city boosters) began circling covetously. We know that regions like the Lehigh Valley are mere scraps of flotsam in our market economy, swept along by currents that originate elsewhere. Still, the volatile fortunes of the Bethlehem steelworks stand out: A fiery cluster of factories is about to become a backdrop to lattes and labradoodles. This is stranger than we admit.

"The Steel," as the company became known, emerged in 19th century Bethlehem, in a city dominated by the Moravian Church, which had settled Bethlehem in 1741 as its North American seat. With Bethlehem Steel, the city took on a schizophrenic character that reflected its two prominent citizens: starched and ecclesiastical north of the Lehigh, grimy and profane to the south. The divide was mirrored in the population, with the old Pennsylvania Dutch to the north, and Eastern and Southern European steel immigrants to the south.

Over the last century, those immigrants and their children supplied the steel for most of the bridges, tunnels and skyscrapers that have any hold in our collective memory: The Golden Gate and George Washington Bridges, the Chrysler and Empire State Buildings, the



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Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, and many others. Bethlehem Steel armed the nation for both World Wars; the company built over 1100 warships for World War II alone.

The company was known for its lavish executive pay—in 1956, nine out of the 12 top salaries in American business were from Bethlehem Steel. Its thousands of laborers were not treated well, but they had won union recognition during World War II. By the mid-1970s, they were among the highest paid industrial workers in the world. By then, the company employed 115,000 workers, and its Bethlehem steel operations stretched for five miles along the Lehigh.

Then the hemorrhaging began. A combination of factors—not just overseas competition, but also decreased demand, upstart American firms, and the company's gilded executive culture—left "the Steel" reeling by the late 1970s. In August of 1977, over 7,000 blue collar workers were laid off, though it was—tellingly—the September 30 layoff of another 2,500 white collar workers that gets remembered as "Black Friday." By 1984, the company's employment had plummeted to 48,500 workers.

Billy Joel's 1983 single "Allentown" made the Bethlehem layoffs infamous: "Out in Bethlehem they're killing time," Joel sang, "filling out forms, standing in line." (The song itself was reportedly inspired by Bethlehem, and not near-by Allentown; a song named for Bethlehem

would, presumably, have been read as heavy-handed religious allegory.)

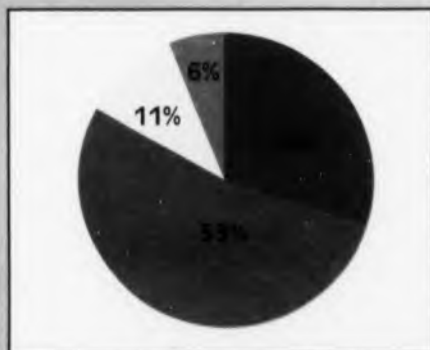
The company limped along until 2001, when it finally declared bankruptcy. In bankruptcy court, the company gave up its pension obligations, leaving 95,000 workers with lower federal payouts. At the time, the Bethlehem Steel pension failure was the largest ever, though its evident cost savings have prompted a number of other business—notably "legacy" airlines—to follow suit. Shortly after the company's pension obligations were shirked, its remnants were purchased by the lean, privately-owned International Steel Group. On New Year's Eve 2003, Bethlehem Steel ceased to exist.

Nothing is more solid than steel, but the market still melted that into air. It is fitting, then, that the market is set to re-animate the abandoned foundries, this time for the beamed and airy lofts of the much courted "creative class." This is, of course, nothing new—most gritty Northeastern cities are trying to transform derelict factories into high-end lofts. It's just that Bethlehem's steelworks re-purposing is happening faster. It is a remarkable feature of the way that we live now that all this market-driven tumult hardly registers. Just a few years ago the furnaces were firing, and now they're valuable for all their exposed brick—and their closeness to the New Jersey suburbs.

Bethlehem is experiencing a renaissance, though with a distinctly Moravian cast. Its 18th century church buildings are the core of the boutique-lined, museum-quality downtown, and the city has successfully rebranded itself as "Christmas City." It is a postcard in stone and mortar. The city's South Side, home to the steelworks, Lehigh University and crowded rowhomes for the workers, feels like Williamsburg, Brooklyn ten years ago: vinyl siding alongside restored brick, goateed hipsters, art galleries and cheap restaurants, signs of recent distress.

In most cities, the hipsters and the locals have the place to themselves for a while, but in Bethlehem the steelworks are about to entomb the South Side of the city in market-tested factory chic. This is better than bankruptcy and standing in line, surely. But can't the city of Bethlehem be given a moment to rest?

Public opinion in an uncertain time



Compared to two years ago, what is the direction of quality of life in Allentown?

Better: 30%

Worse: 53%

Same: 11%

Not Sure: 6%

Poll data courtesy of The Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion

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Two-way radios bring closer contact between Campus Safety and APD

By Will Trevethick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's campus has become a little safer thanks to a grant given by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The College's Department of

"The new radios will give us the ability to communicate directly with the Allentown Police and there will be no delay."

Thomas Dougherty,
Assistant Chief of
Campus Safety and
Security

Campus Safety recently received a \$15,000 crime prevention and citizen safety grant, which will be used to purchase 14 two-way radios. The grant will be used to offset the cost of the new communications equipment, which will be \$23,826, and the College will seek funds for the remaining \$8,828.

The communication system that Campus Safety currently uses allows the officers to hear what the Allentown Police Department is saying. If the College's officers wanted to communicate with the Allentown officers it is necessary to relay the information through their two dispatchers. "The new radios will give us the ability to communicate directly with the Allentown Police and there will be no delay," said Officer Thomas Dougherty, Assistant Chief of Campus Safety and Security.

Ken Lupole, Director of

Campus Safety and Security, met with representatives from the Allentown Police Department in Fall 2004, to request that Campus Safety be allowed access to the Allentown Communication Radio System. Allentown Police agreed to open the communication channels that would put Campus Safety in direct contact with Allentown Police and other Allentown emergency services. After the College gained permission to use the city's radio system they learned that their current system is not compatible with the Allentown system.

The need for a direct link between departments is the result of an increase in criminal activity near the College in recent years. According to Campus Safety records, since Sept. 2004 there have been three armed robberies and five burglaries near the College. With the aid of their new two-way radios, Dougherty believes that, "We should be able to receive back-up a lot quicker and, in some situations, a few crucial moments makes a difference."

Some students don't think the radios will have a big effect. Rochelle Rosenberg '06 said, "I think that it can't hurt to increase safety, but I don't feel like my life is in danger when I walk across campus." In contrast, Ross Cohen '09 said, "If something were to happen to somebody on campus, the new radios would provide a quick and efficient response from A.P.D."

Allentown Police
Department and

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Student groups plan Non-Violence Day Rally

By Scott Kramer
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Nov. 17, the annual Non-Violence Day Rally took place from 7 to 8 p.m. in The Red Door. The event, sponsored by the International Student Association, the Asian Student Association and the Office of Multicultural Life, is meant to promote non-violence between different religions, cultures and races on the College's campus. At this year's rally the Dynamics, Queensbury Picnic, The Soul Sound Steppers, Vicky Miyamoto '06, Nisha Sharma '07 and Damara Gonzales '08 all performed.

Rieko Takahashi '07 was the lead organizer of this year's event. Takahashi, who is involved in both the International Student Association and the Asian Student Association, saw the opportunity to take charge of the event and make it different this year.

"The number of international students here at Muhlenberg has gotten smaller and smaller," said Takahashi, "so we decided this year to reach out and get representatives from more organizations involved in making this event happen." The International Student Association worked with the Do it for Darfur Committee to have a presentation about the conflict in Darfur take place at the rally to refresh students' memories.

Earlier in the year, the Do it for Darfur Committee held the Mule 8 Concert to raise student awareness of the conflict occurring in Darfur, a region in Sudan. Members of the committee reminded students to continue to be aware and spread the word about the conflict. Adrian Shanker '09 encouraged students to write to their congressmen and women about the Darfur Peace and

Accountability Act. Since the Non-Violence Day Rally took place, the Senate has passed the act and it is now being reviewed by the House of Representatives. Also instrumental in the organization of the event was Debra VanderWeit '06, president of the Asian Student Association.

"We wanted the event to incorporate other groups on campus so that together we could all get together and make a more powerful statement," said VanderWeit.

Dynamics member David Wrigley '08 said, "With every performance, the Dynamics spread the message of anti-violence and love thy neighbor around the campus so it is an honor for us to be here tonight and participate in an event like this." The Dynamics were the first performers of the evening and got things

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The band, Queensbury Picnic, performed in the Red Door as part of the College's effort to promote non-violence.

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Despite questioning, the College still seems to care

As we think back to the beginning of the semester and the hope that we expressed in our first editorial that this school year would bring about "an understanding, close-knit and cooperative Student Body" (as stated in the Sept. 8 issue), we feel that this hope has been realized—at least partially—as we look at the events that have recently occurred on campus. The Great American Smokeout, the Non-Violence Rally and Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Day were all events that we believe help to show that the College is indeed intent on keeping its reputation as a caring community.

This label has recently been questioned and we do agree that the College is not the same as it was when we were first-year students though we cannot say exactly why. Some argue that the College is becoming more of a business, acting through policies, task forces and focus groups rather than interactions with the students and the College Community. While we do see some evidence of this, we are choosing to look at some recent happenings on campus and believe—or maybe more precisely, hope—that the College is still one that is caring.

One such instance is the controversy with the Education Abroad Office over the increase in the fee to study at a non-affiliated institution. Many students—ourselves included—were surprised at the radical increase of \$3,000. However, as can be seen through two Letters to the Editor in this issue (page 2,3) this problem has been remedied after dialogue and cooperation. Would a non-caring college have bothered to listen to the voice of the students and tried to make the situation one that would satisfy students? We doubt that this would be the case.

Finally, as we look at the three aforementioned events, we believe that our optimism in the beginning of the year was warranted. Over the past months, we feel that in many ways the Student Body did work together so as to benefit the College as a whole. As we look to the last remaining weeks of this semester and then to our last semester here at the College, we hope that this spirit of community will continue and that the College will be able to proudly and truthfully uphold its reputation as the Caring College.

Dear Students and Faculty,

With the recent environmental movement, I've noticed a few improvements that still need to be made on campus. Our recycling habits must change. Contamination happens when individuals throw out

Greening starts with you

something that is not recyclable in a recycling container. Recycling is one of the easiest ways in which we can help the environment but some people are too uninformed, too apathetic or just too lazy to participate.

Each dorm room has a green bucket (for paper) and a blue bucket (for commingled). (If you are confused about recycling, go to <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/plantops/recycle.html> or click on the Greening Committee link on the right side of the homepage.) With a little bit of effort, we could make a huge difference.

This letter is a plea to ask the campus to be aware of where you are placing your trash. Don't ruin recycling for everyone else by putting your garbage in the recycling containers. The green dumpster is often the most convenient place to throw trash. Take the time to realize that this is for paper only and, if one bag of trash is thrown into the paper dumpster, everyone else's efforts will be wasted and all the paper will be thrown away. Food waste is also considered contamination. Pizza boxes can be recycled in the green dumpster only if there is no leftover pizza. The myth on campus is that recycling just gets thrown away. This only occurs when a recycling container is contaminated. If a dumpster is contaminated, the contents go to the landfill. The more we recycle, the less trash we put in a landfill and the more money the College saves. It only takes one person to ruin it for everyone. Don't be that person.

Sincerely,
Jacy Good &
The Greening Committee

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

As elected members of Muhlenberg College Student Government, we feel it is our duty

Decision impacts campus

to inform the members of the Student Body of their rights to express their concerns and vote on important issues that affect the entire campus community. At the upcoming Student Body Meeting on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. on the Library

Lawn, Student Council will be presenting various amendments that change the structure of this large and prestigious organization. These changes will have numerous impacts on the Student Body, one of which will limit the Student Body's ability to have a voice in its own organization. The proposed amendment requires the attendance of 107 students in order for a student or student organization to voice their concern through a written proposal and have action taken on behalf of the Student Body Association. Without

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To the Editor:

Over the past two weeks, we have been working closely with the Office of International Programs, voicing overwhelming student concern over the recently increased administrative fee associated with non-approved study abroad programs.

We are very pleased with the outcome of this cooperative effort between Student Council and the administration and are excited to share it with the campus community.

At the Oct. 6 meeting of Student Council, a number of Council representatives expressed confusion to President Helm about the sudden increase of \$3,000 in the administrative fee. At the time, he urged us to investigate the issue further.

Thank you Study Abroad Committee

Upon some initial research and brief discussions with the International Programs Coordinator (Prof. Donna Kish-Goodling) and the Dean of Students (Rudy Ehrenberg), we arranged for a meeting with the Office of International Programs to explore possibilities for revision to the education abroad policy.

We were impressed with the diligent work done by the Office of International Programs in its expansion of the list of programs offered to Muhlenberg students, which has grown from approximately 30 to 128 programs.

Considering this improvement, we recognize the need for strict adherence to a set of guidelines that defines conditions where a non-approved program may be appropriate and compensation for extra resources spent by the College to enroll a student in this type of program.

Ultimately, our meetings led to the consensus that students should strive to use one of Muhlenberg's approved programs, but there are indeed extraordinary circumstances that would warrant otherwise. The conditions which must be satisfied in order for a student's circumstances to be considered extraordinary are outlined in a new education abroad policy we drafted together.

Historically, when a student was granted this permission, he or she was required to pay a \$1,000 administrative fee. In addition, the student was billed for any costs above and beyond what he or she would incur at Muhlenberg. This summer, the \$1,000 fee was raised to \$4,000.

Beginning for students studying abroad during the 2006-2007 academic year, if a student's petition to enroll in a non-approved program is granted, which will most likely be a rare occurrence, he or she will be expected to cover the difference between the program and Muhlenberg fees, if the program does exceed the cost of a Muhlenberg education.

However, the administrative fee has been withdrawn.

At first, the administrative fee was intended to act as a deterrent to frivolous requests for permission to study in non-approved programs. All parties involved in this discussion agree that any such deterrent should be neither monetary in nature nor harmful to the community as a whole. Rather, it should encourage students to take advantage of current offerings so that the Education Abroad Program can grow.

On behalf of the Student Body, we would like to thank the administration, and particularly Dr. Kish-Goodling and Susan Norling, for listening to student unease and for being willing to compromise so that the interests of all can be accommodated.

Respectfully,
Jared Fine '06, Student Body President &
Blaine McFeeley '08, Class Representative

To the Editor:

Over the past two weeks, the Office of International Programs has worked very closely with Student Council representatives

Study abroad meeting effective

Jared Fine '06 and Blaine McFeeley '08 concerning the administrative fee associated with non-approved Study Abroad programs. Together, we formulated the following policy changes.

We all agreed that it is in the best interests for students to choose programs on the approved list because they meet the College's academic, safety, housing, administrative and financial criteria.

Our office chooses approved programs and diligently monitors them on an on-going basis to assure the best possible study abroad experience for all students under the proviso that students will be charged Muhlenberg College tuition and fees and will retain their financial aid while abroad. This effort requires considerable time and resources.

Ultimately, our meetings led to the consensus that participation in non-approved programs should be permitted under extraordinary circumstances.

We agreed that, under extraordinary circumstances, a student can petition the Office of International Programs to participate in a non-approved program with the following conditions: Only students in good academic and social standing can petition for such consideration.

The petition must include a detailed rationale for why a student's academic goals cannot be reasonably achieved in any of the approved programs. Secondly, the student must provide a written rationale from the appropriate

department head of why the student's academic goals cannot be reasonably fulfilled with any of the approved programs.

Furthermore, petitions will be considered only for programs that meet the following criteria: 1) The program is not in conflict with any existing agreements Muhlenberg College has with its approved program providers nor would it serve as a substitute for a currently approved similar program. 2) The program is accredited. 3) The program is approved by the College's appointed risk and liability manager.

If the petition is granted, the student will be billed for any program costs, including those for tuition, room, board and extra fees that are above those charged at Muhlenberg. If the petition is not granted, as in the past, Muhlenberg will not transfer credit for courses taken in non-approved study abroad programs.

In the past, when the list of approved programs was very limited, there were many requests to use non-approved programs. Historically, when a student was granted permission to use a non-approved program, he or she was required to pay a \$1,000 administrative fee.

The administrative fee was intended to act as a deterrent to frivolous requests for permission to study in non-approved programs and to compensate for the extra administrative resources spent by the College to enroll a student in this type of program.

In addition, the student was billed for any costs above and beyond what he or she would incur at Muhlenberg.

Beginning during the 2006-2007 academic year, in the rare instances when a student is allowed to enroll in a non-approved program, the student will be expected to cover the difference between the program and Muhlenberg fees, if the program does exceed the cost of a

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To the Editor:

I have just read the article published in *The Weekly* on Nov. 17 titled "Battle of the Sodas." It gravely concerns me that the College is going to choose a beverage provider not based on each company's reputation of social and environmental responsibility, but on how much money we can milk out of the vending machines. Also, we would all be much healthier and have much more real energy (as opposed to caffeine and sugar fueled highs that inevitably end in crashes) if we drank a little less soda. Has any thought gone into switching to a soft drink provider that offers healthier beverages? How about providing soft drinks with non-genetically altered ingredients?

Neither Pepsi nor Coke can attest to that. How about a thorough look at the Pepsi and Coca-Cola companies so that our campus can make an informed decision about which company we would like to support? And what about the possibility that the answer is neither one? I appreciate that *The Weekly* can bring attention to this issue but I also strongly believe that there are more important factors in such a decision than were presented in the article.

Sincerely,
Megan Finnegan '07

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107 students present, any proposed change cannot be heard and thus Student Council will be relied upon to take action. Do we really want to give up the opportunity for that one voice to be heard?

Another and perhaps more disheartening amendment Student Council is proposing allows 32 individuals to change a bylaw for an organization of over 2,000 students. Currently, the Student Body Association is set up to review and vote on bylaw amendments, placing the power in the hands of the Student Body.

However, under this amendment, if 107 students are not present at a Student Body Meeting, the Student Body loses all ability to have a vote and this power is placed in the hands of Student Council. The Student

Body Association is what governs the Student Council.

If we give Student Council the ability to change their own bylaws by having a 107 student attendance requirement at a Student Body Meeting we eliminate the need for a Student Body Meeting and thus take away the need of active participation from the Muhlenberg College Student Body.

We will be hosting a discussion of the proposed changes on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in Miller Forum and we invite all members of the Student Body to attend and then join us at the Student Body Meeting immediately following to let their voice be heard.

Sincerely written by concerned members of Muhlenberg College Student Government,
Kim Nguyen '07
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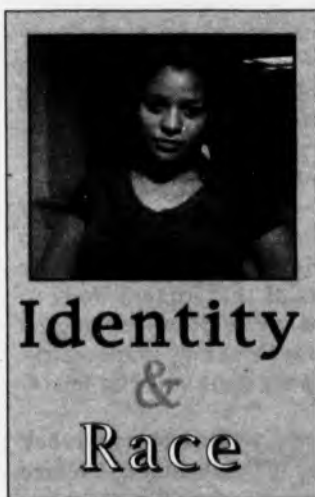
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Derogatory slang endangers a culture



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One of the best sayings of our former president Bill Clinton is, "The ideals that bind us together are as old as our nation, but so are the forces that pull us apart." As I was meandering down Academic Row one fine evening, I happened across two friends exchanging greetings. One young lady in non-descript clothing shouted, "Hey whore, what's up?" and the other young lady went, "Nothing much bitch, how was your vaca?" Now, let's jump to a more comfortable scenario.

My dear old mum tucking me in, leaning in to give me a good night kiss and saying, "Sweet dreams, my little Nigger." What's wrong with these terms of endearment?

What makes me a "Nigger?" What is the difference between being called an African-American, Afro-American, Black, Colored, Negro, Nigger or Nigga? How do you match up each shade of murk to each label? Moreover, who has the right to say Nigger, and who can call a dark person a Nigger, or rather, a Nigga and either be perfectly justified or acutely exonerated?

There is a quote from Toni Morrison in *And Don't Call me a Racist*, where she postulates that "Race is the least reliable information that you can have about someone. It's real information, but it tells you next to nothing." Race, for some people, determines whether or not they should succeed, but it's just a mental block. In fact, race only means the world to people who are looking for it to be the judge, jury and executioner.

The image of the quintessential dark individual in

society is a cloudy one. Over break, I went back to my most recent hometown of Newark, NJ and dined out with one of my favorite couples. As we were driving to the restaurant, we accidentally on purpose passed two different Black men walking by. One was wearing a tailored suit and carrying a black leather briefcase. The other was unhurriedly strolling in the middle of the street wearing a backwards hat, dark navy colored baggy jeans, a white T-shirt and tan Timberlands. I had to fight against the impulse to pull the car over, and yell some choice Black Power Black Panther phrases out the window. Thankfully, my good sense and my even greater desire to not return to the College with a purple eye stopped me. People who unwittingly support stereotypes enrage me more than the aware ones. It's both a public and embarrassing way of displaying ignorance.

A Black person using the word Nigger is even worse than a White person using it because implicit permission is being given to turn a term

of hate into a term of sweet nothing. By our own hands, the usage of Nigger is turning into the same type of crutch that both welfare and Affirmative Action have become for the Black race. If I could go back in time and ask those two girls one question, I would say why are you choosing to disrespect one another if you clearly care about each other? We're not in a Kingdom of Culture; we're in a system of doom.

As I was perusing rsdb.org, a database of racial slurs, I was struck by the hatred we're all united by. It's not a question of asking why we have a surplus of superficial destinies attached to the names we give each other, and it's not just about inventing new ways to say what shouldn't be said; it's about working with what you have and not going against the natural instinct to live in antiquity.

There is such a focus on history and in a nouveau riche country like America it seems like we only care to define ourselves by the negative events in our past. Life isn't just about the mistakes you make, and where you

come from and who your father was. Your parentage dictates which category your hue skin falls into but not where you can go in life. Alexander Dumas' well-known response to a question put to him about him having "Negro blood" was, "...My father was a mulatto, his father a Negro, and his father a monkey. My ancestry began where yours ends!"

Clarence Page once said, "Racism is a sensitive word. Americans often avoid mentioning it, even when it is relevant...It is a sensitive word because it exposes so much, institutionally, and personally...How you define it reveals something important about you, how you see the world and your place in it."

In case you were wondering, clearly, my mother would never call me a Nigger and regardless, I like to think that most of the time, in America, I'm at peace with how the die falls. At the end of the day, it makes no matter who you go home with because we're all the same color when the sheets come off and the lights go out.

Juggling life at 'Berg and at home

Kristina Snader
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

The trees outside were speeding by faster than normal, but maybe only because my boyfriend was at the wheel. Snow was just barely falling around the car, though not in amounts great enough to collect on the roadways.

We neared home--I started recognizing streets that I had driven on numerous times, but I did not recognize the new construction sites that appeared where trees had been a few months ago. I hadn't been home since August, when my parents had dropped me off at college. The car turned onto Cherry Lane and my house came into view.

Every house, I previously established when I was young, has its own unique smell. After being away several months, I was acutely aware of the smell of my own house as soon as I walked in--something that I had never smelled before because I had just been used to it.

Upstairs, my room was still my room, with pictures and papers and books all where I had left them several

months ago. It seemed so unnatural--knowing that time had passed but my belongings hadn't moved. Things were different, and yet there were things in the house that still seemed familiar, things that had bothered me a month ago, but that made me sigh and smile in their new context.

Greeting my family, I realized that I was suddenly the shortest daughter in the family. Sitting across from my sisters at the dinner table, I hardly recognized them. They seemed so much older since August, though I understood that I probably seemed the same way to them. I knew that I had grown up more than I'd like to admit while I was at college, but seeing my sisters was only another reminder of how fast the weeks spent away flew and how the first semester of my freshman year was close to being over.

It was good to see all of my relatives on Thanksgiving. I looked across the table at my grandparents, my aunts and uncles and my cousins and knew that I was still part of the family.

Being with them was comforting in a way I couldn't explain, but somewhat similar to the comfort I felt coming

back to my friends after the holiday. Familiar smiles greeted me again, and I turned the key to see my belongings, right where I had left them five days before.

I smiled at the things that hadn't changed: music and laughter were coming from the rooms; people were gathered in beanbag chairs outside their rooms, while others were making plans. I heard in my head something my roommate said before we left: "Kristina, I've decided. College dorm living is like one semester-long sleep-over." I breathed a sigh of relief, waved to my friend who had just arrived across the hall and unpacked my bags.

I see now why college freshman are torn when they first come home after being away at college for two months. It is odd to feel comfortable in two different places. And yet, living in only one of those places at a time means there's half of home still missing. My fellow freshmen and I will learn how to juggle living in both places and loving both families, but we'll get used to it. After all, it's nice to have a family wherever you go.

ABROAD FROM PAGE 3

Muhlenberg education.

However, the administrative fee has been withdrawn based on the understanding that the current expanded list of approved programs has dramatically reduced the need for students to meet their study abroad goals in non-approved programs.

Only meritorious petitions will be approved and those that are frivolous will continue to be ineligible to receive Muhlenberg transfer credit.

On behalf of the Office of International Programs, I want to convey to the Student Body that it was a pleasure to work together with your student representatives who represented your concerns in a responsible manner and considered the best long-run interests of the College.

Respectfully,
Donna Kish-Goodling
Director
International Programs

Great American Smokeout challenges students' habits

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

"The Great American Smokeout" is a national event that takes place on the third Thursday of November every year. The goal of this day is for smokers to abstain from smoking for the whole day or even permanently, if possible. The American Cancer Society started "The Great American Smokeout" in 1977. Statistics show that approximately one-third of the 46 million smokers in America have quit smoking on this day. Even if the smokers do not quit smoking permanently, they do learn that it is possible to quit for a day.

To recognize "The Great American Smokeout" on Nov. 17., Susan Kahlenberg, Assistant Professor of Communications, had her Health Communication class implement campaigns to make students "contemplate their smoking."

In Seegers Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. three events took place, in which three groups from Kahlenberg's class represented different aspects of smoking.

One group, consisting of Rob DeChiaro '06 and Katie Gottlieb '06, represented social smoking. Kahlenberg described their goal as one to "bring students to a social setting where they would engage in smoking behavior." By engaging in smoking behavior, the hope was that the students would understand how dangerous smoking is to their health.

Another group from Kahlenberg's Health Communication class was the physical health group, made up of Lisa White '07 and Emily Steginsky '06. The goal of this group was to emphasize the short-term effects of smoking. In order to accomplish this task, students wore leaded vests with weights. They walked with the vests and then took the vests off and walked. The difference in energy needed to walk demonstrated the fact that smoking

results in difficulty exercising and breathing.

The survey and pretesting group, made up of Casey Sanders '07 and Lizzie Waller '06, measured 151 first-year students' attitudes towards smoking.

The groups told students that there is a way to get smoking treatment on campus through a program called QuitSmart, which combines treatment methods such as nicotine-fading, hypnosis, medication recommendations and a cigarette substitute. Students learned about this program through brochures and handouts. Kahlenberg said, "We think students are going to be interested in QuitSmart."

Kahlenberg received an Awarded Service Learning Grant from the Coalition for Smoke-free Valley in order to revise her Health Communication course and put the campaigns into action.

Kahlenberg said, "[The campaigns] were the culmination of all of the reading and activity and discussions that we had as a class."

Liberty Street Tavern also took part in the Smokeout by keeping the tavern smoke-free from 7-11 p.m. Students who pledged to be smoke-free for the day were entered into a raffle to win prizes that included gift certificates to Applebees and to Liberty Street Tavern. Sarah Smith '07 said, "There was an overwhelming turnout" at Liberty Street Tavern.

A majority of students who smoked said that "The Great American Smokeout" was a very successful day at the College. Although most of them feel that it would be too difficult to quit smoking permanently, quitting for the day made them feel satisfied.

Kahlenberg said, "We want students to live healthy lives that are smoke-free," but said that the goal of the program was to get students to think "I'm not making a life decision, but I am thinking about putting this into action."

SAFETY FROM PAGE 1

Mann endorsed the grant for the new radio system in Dec. 2004. Deborah Kipp, Assistant VP-Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations, said, "Muhlenberg College appreciated the strong endorsement for this project from Representative Mann. The development of a worthy proposal that supported the College and community, coupled with Mann's sincere interest in the safety of our neighborhoods produced a final result that will benefit us all for years to come."

Dougherty said, "Over the years we've had incidents when it would have been helpful to talk directly to the Allentown Police and now we have the capability to contact them."



Campus Safety officers patrolling campus will be able to communicate with Allentown Police Department more efficiently with the new system.

PHOTO BY LAUREN KINKEL

VIOLENCE FROM PAGE 1

started on a high note. Their song "Rich Girl" was a crowd favorite and brought lots of applause.

Bruno Wu '07, performed in both the Dynamics and Queensbury Picnic. "I think that participating in an event like this and gaining awareness is important because on a small campus like Muhlenberg, we tend to forget to look outside the social bubble and see what is taking place outside of the campus and in the rest

of the world," said Wu.

Wu went on to say that events such as the Non-Violence Day Rally and the Big Bang Recycling Campaign are excellent ways to help raise awareness and that it was very effective that they both took place in the same week.

Even though the Non-Violence Day Rally only lasted for one hour, many students felt very strongly about the message of the event and the need to keep it in mind. "I find it very touching that so many people have come together to talk about non-violence

issues on the campus," said Jay Rattino '09. "I have really enjoyed the event tonight."

The event concluded with a reciting of Maya Angelou's "The Million March Poem" and a presentation showing pictures of violence from around the world incorporated with facts about violence.

According to Takahashi '07, another event similar to the Non-Violence Day Rally, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, is planned for the spring semester.

Closing Time

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls will be closing on the following date and time:

For All Students

Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 10 am

Requests to stay over break are due by December 7th and will be approved by the 9th. All students must leave no more than 24 hours after their last final! Students with finals on Friday, December 16th, must check out by 10am on Saturday, December 17th!

If you have questions call the Office of Residential . X3180

Happy Holidays!

Students at the College take a stand against homelessness and hunger

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In this dizzying college world of papers, parties, tests and teams it is easy to overlook nationally and globally expansive issues such as hunger, homelessness and poverty. On Nov. 16, though, a group of students took a stand against

homelessness and hunger. "Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Day," conducted through the Office of Community Service, included a number of fundraising activities, as well as informational sessions intended to allow the student population to gain awareness of the plight that many others are facing.

Valerie Lane, Director of the Community Service Office, said, "The day involved many activities set up by the student coordinators." Julia Zur '06 and Heather Baylis '07 were the student coordinators for the event. They organized an information and letter writing campaign and a discussion panel entitled

"Faces of Homelessness Panel".

The panel was made up of The National Coalition for the Homeless from Washington, D.C. Students were invited to listen to stories told by those who are currently homeless. An informal discussion was held in the lobby of Seegers Union from 6 to 8 p.m. Each adult narrated the events that caused them to be homeless and their experiences since then. Zur believes that this was the most important aspect of the day since it helped to "break down stereotypes and show the students that they are real people too."

Perhaps the most creative event of the day, the primary fundraising event, was when students slept in cardboard boxes on the College's front lawn for the night. This sleepout, entitled "Shantytown," gave the students "a very small taste of what being homeless is really like," Zur said. This fundraiser brought in over two hundred dollars and overall "Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Day" raised three hundred dollars. One hundred and twenty five dollars was donated to Habitat for Humanity and the other one hundred and twenty five

went to a Lehigh Valley direct outreach program. The money goes directly to the homeless in Allentown and will help those closest to the College.

"Shantytown gave the students a 'very small taste of what being homeless is really like.'"

Julia Zur

In addition to these activities, a table was set up in Seegers that helped to demonstrate the detrimental effects of homelessness and poverty. Baylis constructed a machine that released a marble every three seconds. This marble represented each time a person died from starvation. This powerful statement echoed throughout Seegers for the duration of the day and allowed students to really understand the gravity of the issue.




Zur deemed that day "a success" and said "It could be any of us. The stories that the homeless people told on the panel showed us that. One of the men was a college graduate. It just shows you that you can't take your privileges for granted."



Speakers from the Faces of Homeless Panel help promote awareness of homelessness and hunger and tried to make students realize that anyone can become homeless.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIA ZUR

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 23	High: 41 Low: 28	High: 39 Low: 20

OFF CAMPUS

Developers and storeowners debate over opening a casino

There is a debate going on in Allentown, Pa. between economic development officials and downtown restaurant and store owners. The development officials project that the proposed casino, Tropicana, that would be built in Allentown, would bring new energy and attention to the city. Downtown store owners, however, believe the casino will produce mall-like environments and endanger the survival of the small shops.

Plans for the Tropicana include a 16-story hotel, 5,000 slot machines, convention space and a restaurant court modeled after The Quarter, an upscale mall in Atlantic City, NJ.

If the city approves the proposal for the new casino, the Tropicana Lehigh Valley will most likely open in 2007, no more than two miles away from downtown.

LVIA billboards boast about non-stops flights

All over the Lehigh Valley, billboards have popped up to showcase Lehigh Valley International Airport's (LVIA) nonstop flights to places such as Chicago, Ill., Detroit, Mi., Atlanta, Ga. and Florida.

The 53 billboards, on Route 22, Interstate 78 and Route 309 feature the name of the destination city, a symbol for the city, the word "nonstop" and contact information for LVIA.

The airport staff decided to launch such a large advertising campaign after speaking with residents of the Lehigh Valley who assumed that larger airports such as the ones in Philadelphia, Pa. or Newark, NJ were the only ones in the area to have nonstop flights to multiple destinations.

The airport has 47 nonstop flights a day, including service to Philadelphia, Pa. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Writer-in-Residence reads to College students and faculty

By Sara Horowitz
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Laurie Stone is the Writer-in-Residence at the College this semester. She presented some of her work to students and other faculty members on Nov. 29.

Stone is the author of the novel *Starting with Serge*, the memoir *Close to the Bone* and a collection on comic performance, *Laughing in the Dark*. She has also written for such publications as the *Village Voice*, *Ms.*, *New York Woman* and *Viva*. Her reviews can be seen in *The L.A. Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Newsday*. In 1996, she won the Nona Balakian Prize in Excellence in Criticism from the National Book Critics Circle. She later served on the board of this organization.

Stone has also served as Writer-in-Residence at Pratt Institute and Old Dominion University. In addition, she has served as Journalist-in-Residence at Thurber House and has been a member of the faculty at Antioch University's Masters in Creative Writing program, the Graduate

Theater Department of Sarah Lawrence College, Ohio State University and Fordham University, among others. She has taught in prestigious international programs and has had short residencies at some of the top universities in the nation.

Before Stone came to the College, she was living in Long Island City, N.Y. in The Flux Factory. This residential living space was designed and built just for Stone to live and write in. She said the experience was "exciting." As a part of living in The Flux Factory, Stone was required to do a reading every Saturday night which she said put a lot of pressure on her.

Linda Miller, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Writing Program, introduced Stone and said, "We are very lucky to have Laurie" here this year.

Stone said, "It's been so nice to be here; I love it!" She expressed her enthusiasm for being able to teach in a classroom. She also said she "really likes the students" and "is having fun." She believes her students are

having just as much fun as she is with all the new and exciting work they have been doing.

She is trying to teach students how to successfully write dramatic nonfiction monologues as well as ways to play with language. Another project she is working on with her students is putting together different types of genres. Stone herself is putting together a collection of her stories of different genres like nonfiction, memoirs and reaction pieces.

At the presentation, Stone read to the audience a section from the collection of stories she is currently organizing, *Forgetting*. The piece was a book review in which she also includes an autobiographical aspect.

Another piece she read was a chapter in her unfinished novel, *Indestructible Beauty*. The story is about a private detective whose mother is very sick and the relationship she has with her family during this time.

Liz Pendley '08 said, "I really enjoyed her delivery of the story. It made it much more interesting to hear it spoken."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 13 - Robbery - Two students were robbed at the Wendy's on Cedar Crest Boulevard. The store was robbed and money was also taken from the students. The suspects were described as two Hispanic males, approximately 5'8". They were wearing black ski masks and were armed with guns. The South Whitehall Police Department is investigating the matter.

Nov. 15 - Injured Student - A student injured his leg while playing intramural football. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 15 - Sick Student - A student living in Brown Hall reported that she felt feverish, had the chills and had itchy hands and feet. When EMS responded, she refused to go to the hospital. The Health Center was notified.

Nov. 17 - Vehicle Violation

- A vehicle parked illegally in the Center of the Arts parking lot was towed. It had over \$2000 worth of parking tickets.

Nov. 17 - Social Code Violation - A vehicle belonging to a first-year student was parked in the Seegers Union Parking Lot. The student was given a ticket and a citation for violating the College Code.

Nov. 18 - Hit and Run - A student reported seeing a dark blue Jeep hit an unoccupied red Subaru Integra and then drive away. The incident is under investigation.

Nov. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - Steam from the showers set off the fire alarm in the Life Sports Center. Campus Safety found that some wrestlers were running several showers in order to

lose weight.

Nov. 19 - Found Property - In the Benfer Hall parking lot, a red bike was found stuck in a tree's branches. No one has claimed the bike yet.

Nov. 20 - Theft - A student caught two males breaking into his Jeep outside the Tremont Apartments on N. 23rd Street. The men were wearing dark hooded sweatshirts and pants. One of the individuals was already in the vehicle but when the two noticed the student, they ran away. When Campus Safety arrived on the scene, the Jeep's passenger side window was broken and the CD player was taken. APD was notified and the issue is under investigation.

Nov. 21 - Burglary - A resident of Walz Hall reported that \$120 in cash and his prescription medication was

stolen from his room. The door was locked.

Nov. 21 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student reported that she backed into the dumpster in the MacGregor Village parking lot.

Nov. 23 - Theft - A student visiting her boyfriend in the Tremont Apartments reported that someone had broken into her car and stolen the stereo. She did not want to report the incident to APD or to Campus Safety.

Nov. 23 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - During a routine vacation walkthrough, officers found drug items and fireworks in a room in South Hall.

Nov. 26 - Burglary - On N. 23rd street, students reported that the rear door to the house was unlocked when they returned from break.

APD responded. They currently have no suspects. A CD player, Xbox system and computer tower were reported missing.

Nov. 27 - Possession of False Identification - An officer found a fake I.D. in the Seegers Union parking lot and Campus Safety has identified its owner.

Nov. 27 - Burglary - A house on Liberty Street was reportedly broken into over break. Two digital cameras, a bracelet, one small black purse and a Tiffany's necklace were missing. The issue is under investigation.

Nov. 29 - Drug Possession - In Prosser Hall, a housekeeper found a small clear bag with marijuana outside the door of the men's first floor bathroom. Campus Safety is investigating this issue.

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Life!

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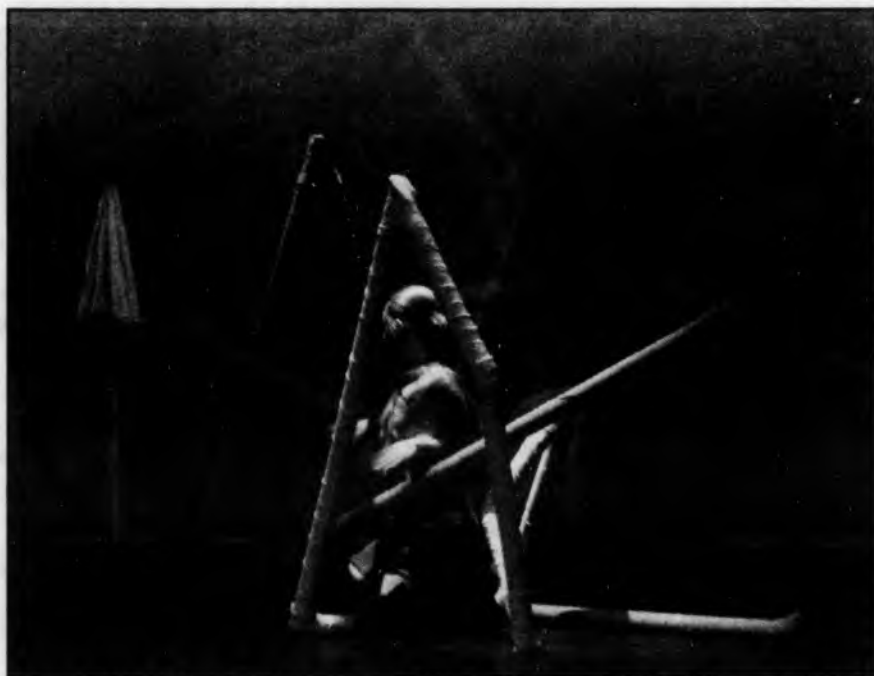
- Wesley, The Princess Bride

Modern dance performance fills audience with wonder and whimsy

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It was a show to remember. Dance On, this semester's student dance concert, ran in Baker Theatre from Nov. 17-19. Choreographer Courtney Romano '06 opened the show with a piece which was inspired by "electronica" music which she heard over the summer. The dancers, who focused intensely on the audience, seemed to glow on the dimly lit stage. Romano said that the piece evolved into a work about women and networking, which is evident in the title, "Defensive Skirting." The dancers seemed cautious of each other but leaned on each other for support at times. The negotiations involved in networking were evident as the dancers almost slithered around each other trying to figure out how to interact.

Liz J. Millea's '07 piece "Tonal Haze" provided relief from the intensity of the first piece. Millea said that she was exploring the differences between haves and have-nots. The six dancers were divided into a quartet and a duet. The quartet represented the haves, and the duet aspired to attain what the dancers in the quartet held in their hands. However, by the end the duet realized that they have something of their own. The music of the piece was jazzy and light, matching the bounciness of the dancers' steps.



Jenny Piersol '08 acts as Bird in "Keeping the Clouds Away" and uses the props to enhance her dance.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

In the third piece, "Ensnared Detachment," choreographed by Caitlin Meehan '06, vines seemed to cover the ground of the stage. The piece began with a single dancer carefully rotating her heel and jerking her body with the movement. As this dancer broke away from her circle of light the other dancers were lit within their own separate circles. The dancers moved jaggedly, sometimes twitching; they seemed controlled by an outside force. The five dancers never came

together in unison. Meehan said that her piece explores the paradox of feeling alone in a crowded room. Her dancers are isolated from each other and as the piece progressed Meehan showed what happens when they invade each other's personal space. Meehan had her dancers do contact improvisation, which is improvisation where dancers relate according to points of contact between their bodies.

The three performers of "Tango X 3", Erica Cenci '06, Adam Reich

'06 and Kara Senich '06, were also the choreographers. Cenci, Reich and Senich tried to make the audience uncomfortable by highlighting awkward sexual moments in their dance. At one point Senich and Reich bumped into each other, then faced the audience--Senich holding her breasts and Reich his genitals. The dance ended with Cenci grabbing Senich's breasts as she fell into her. This physical humor worked because it seemed accidental, not rehearsed.

The first half ended with "Sunny Side Up," choreographed by Erin Cairns '06. Cairns started by considering the social environment of the beach and then she began to play with energy levels. There doesn't seem to be any underlying message about society in this piece, but is simply about movement. The setting of the beach was shown through the 1950s-style bathing suits worn by the dancers and movements that simulated swimming. As the piece progressed the dancers became sunburned, shown by red lights, and their doll-like movements became slower until they eventually collapsed from exhaustion.

"Halfway Solved," choreographed by Chris Shepard '07, appeared after a short intermission. Shepard and his dancers wrote the text spoken throughout the piece. The dancers pulled the words from

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT BODY MEETING?



"I think that the purpose is to change everything that sucks on campus."

- Jamie Goldman '08



"The Student Body Meeting is what gives me purpose."

- Jared Fine, Student Body President '06



"The Student Body Meeting lets us vote on new ideas like a coffee cart in the library!"

- Dee Ross '06



"Its purpose is to give all students an opportunity to discuss changes or make suggestions on issues that affect their academic or social lives."

- Steve Epting '09



"Its purpose is to figure out what bowtie Randy Helm should wear each week."

- Ali Magnotti-Nagel '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

"Hate Mail": Dramatic letters lighten the mood

By Megan Glick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It all started so innocently-- or so one would think. A simple letter asking for a simple refund, for a simple little "I (heart) NY" snowglobe. Silly you. This wasn't your ordinary special production.

Muhlenberg Activities Council and Muhlenberg Theatre Association's co-production of Bill Corbett & and Kiina Obolesky's *Hate Mail*, advertised as a "non-romantic comedy about pure hatred," had a full house giggling, gasping and guffawing for about an hour and a half on a recent Friday night in The Red Door. Under the direction of Noah Herman '06, actors Jen Fellman '08 and Tom Mulherin '07 wittily portrayed the beginning of a troubled relationship. Through the dramatic reading of a series of letters, the actors show the relationship's evolution and eventual demise.

Fellman, who played sweet yet psychotic Dahlia, and Mulherin, who played the good-intentioned yet somewhat misguided Dennis, were able to fully portray the wide range of personality traits of their respective characters. With only a few small costume changes and alterations in posture and position, the audience was able to step inside the twisted and hysterical lives of these pen pals. Perhaps it was this simplicity surrounding the script that made it so accessible and allowed the audience to catch every funny line.

Hate Mail took its audience on many journeys. From sanity to insanity, from the Midwest to New York City, NY, hate to love, dead-end jobs to fame and fortune, snail mail to Internet chatrooms, back and back again, this show contains countless hilarious moments and some hilarious lines. It also raises such questions as, "How exactly do you navigate the give-and-take of a relationship?" "Are broken windows fair punishment for the inadvertent shrinking of underwear in the laundry?"

"When does the friendly email or postcard turn into stalking?" "Is your desire to talk about sex in a chat room with a stranger considered marital infidelity?" All of these could be serious questions--or maybe they're not. But the trials and tribulations of Tom and Dahlia's extensive and intensive correspondence and romance did make the audience think a little bit, at least in between the laughs.

It may have all started from a stubborn request for a refund on a cheap trinket, but, thankfully, no refund was necessary for the pleasure of watching this production.



Tom Mulherin '07 and Jen Fellman '08 read letters on the Red Door couches.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GLICK

Beefing up the "Hamburger Helper" guy, one hint at a time

By John Dunphy
ASST. OP-ED EDITOR

Everyone knows "that" guy. You know, the great guy who never has luck with the ladies. The shy boy who, on a regular basis, asks you why he doesn't have a girlfriend. The party animal who always seems to be rejected no matter how hard he tries. That single friend who just never seems to be happy with his or her love life (or as is the case to be discussed, lack thereof). Now that you're already thinking of this person, I want you to cut out this article and hand it to them.

The level of misconception in terms of dealing with the opposite sex is mind-boggling. I've heard all of the excuses and quite frankly, none of them are any good. "Girls aren't interested in me right now." "She really liked me and then someone blew up my spot." "She's way too pretty for me." These are all absolutely ridiculous statements. The fact of the matter is that all of these responses are coming out of complete and utter fear. Fear of inti-

macy, fear of rejection or fear of coming to terms with one's flaws. I'm not going to say that after reading this, you'll be able to get any girl you want, but what I am trying to do is lay down some ground work for you so that you can at least get a grip on yourself (not literally) and look at the whole dating thing through different eyes. So, to all of those single guys out there who think that they're more of Hamburger Helper than filet mignon, this is for you.

No girl is out of your league. I start with this one because that is the most common and most ridiculous claim a person can make. Just because a girl is pretty or smart does not mean that you shouldn't try. Some of the most gorgeous women I have known are also the most willing to have a relationship because guys are absolutely petrified to approach them. Not only that, but the only guys who do approach them do so out of an overdose of liquid courage and are so drunk that they can't carry a conversation. Don't be afraid to take risks. If you see someone you

think you're interested in, then go for it. A lot of the time you'll find that girls that claim to be out of someone's league or think they're better than others are girls that you probably don't want a relationship with anyway.

There are no "road blocks". Another one of the most famous cliches of the single man is blaming other people and in some cases (this is true) items for their failure. One of the best movies to watch in this case is the should-have-won-an-Academy-Award film *Hitch*. Don't believe me? Take it from Mr. Big Willy Style himself when he says a girl knows within the first five minutes whether or not she likes a guy. There are extreme circumstances that could put her off of you, but nothing short of an earthquake or zombie attack will do it.

You are not out of anyone's league. This is the reversal of that first one. We've all been in the scenario of having someone attracted to us where we did not reciprocate the

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AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Chicken Little

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:00
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:00

Derailed

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Aeon Flux

Fri. 4:10, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:10, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:40

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

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Find the heart and time for forgiveness

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

When you cut your finger, you usually just put a band-aid on it right? There's no one to blame--it was just an unfortunate accident that caused you pain. But what do you do when a loved one, a friend or a significant other is the source of your injury? This injury could be physical or emotional, and there is no antibacterial ointment to help aid in healing hurt feelings. No band-aid can fit over a wound of the heart. So, what do you do when you have been hurt? Joni Mitchell once sang "And if you care, don't let them know, don't give yourself away." Should you bottle up your pain deep inside and leave it there? Or should feelings of anger and hurt be let out? What is the best medicine for a broken heart?

When someone hurts you, it can feel like the end of the world. Everything you once knew has suddenly collapsed around you. Something stable and important in your life has just vanished before

your eyes. All that you have left are the hurt feelings and anger. Then you come to a crossroads. One road has you hold onto those negative feelings and leads to burying these feelings deep within you. The other road leads somewhere different, somewhere where healing can begin: forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself; you are not giving it to the person who hurt you. Examine your situation and ask yourself, "Am I willing to spend negative energy and valuable time on this matter?" It takes a lot to hate someone. You think about how much you hate them all the time, and it can become all-consuming. You ruminate over how bad they hurt you, and you want nothing more than sweet revenge. You may think about harming this person emotionally or even physically. All the while you could be using your mind power for other things that are more important, such as schoolwork or maintaining friendships and relationships with

other people in your life.

Forgiveness is the idea that being hurt will not be the final word on the situation in which you are involved. The ball is in your court and you have to make your life better and put the past behind you. It builds confidence that you can survive your pain and grow from it.

Pain caused by someone you really care about can hurt deeply, especially if it is a significant other. Future relationships will not be able to function and grow without forgiveness for those in the past. You cannot blame a new friend or significant other for the mistakes of the person who hurt you. It is not possible to truly be present and available to a new relationship until you heal the hurt and upsets of the past.

Once you can let go of those bad feelings, you are no longer the victim. You have taken control of your life and are ready to move on. It is easy to hate. It is hard to love and even harder to forgive. Find the strength within yourself to forgive

someone that has done you wrong, maybe it was only a week ago or maybe it is pain that you have been carrying around for years. Do not do it for "their" sake. Do it for yourself. It would be great if the person who hurt you would come to you and ask for forgiveness but you must accept the fact that some people will never do that. Maybe you don't even have to tell the person who hurt you that you forgive them, but knowing within yourself that you forgive their actions leaves you ready to move on and live your life.

Forgiveness helps you move forward. No one benefits from forgiveness more than the one who forgives. As the semester is coming to a close, think about the people in your life who have hurt you. Finish out the semester with a positive outlook and more energy to spend on the things you want to do, consider giving up some of the time you reserve for holding a grudge and allow forgiveness to flow through you. As Shakespeare once said, "To err is human. To forgive, divine." Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg.

LOVE
&
LIFE

Paper or Plastic: Which do you find more aesthetically pleasing?

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Though there have been many exhibits hosted in the Center for the Arts, the newest one is unlike any other. This current exhibit in the Martin Gallery is a collection simply titled "New Paintings" by Chris Wright. The exhibit opened on Nov. 9 and will be on display until Dec. 17. The simple title of the collection is a perfect introduction to his paintings of an array of everyday items that may at first seem simple but, when painted with Wright's astounding technical ability, reveal a beautiful complexity.

The collection mostly consists of photo-realistic oil paintings of everyday objects. There are a few figure studies, equally beautiful, but done in a more abstract manner. Wright works as an art teacher and is able to paint these figure with his class as practice in a manner of weeks. Though they aren't as finished as his other works, they do have the models set against simple backgrounds like his other work, which focuses on the figure. The juxtaposition of the abstract human figure with the photo-realistic inanimate objects is an interesting one.

Wright explained at the gallery opening, and in the pamphlet available outside the gallery, that "there are certain objects, moments, and

experiences that I find appealing and paint-able. I am fascinated with everyday objects; things that I come into contact with daily that have a particular, or specific, aspect to them." These objects include various kinds of containers and packaging such as red grapes in foam-green containers, plastic grocery bags and takeout-food containers.

Wright's use of light is what makes his work so striking. Though his subject matter is modern, the composition gives the work a Renaissance look and he talked about aiming for this look when he spoke at his opening. His work centers the object against a plain background, sometimes all black, with the object illuminated from the front. His traditional approach to such a modern subject matter makes even what we'd normally consider trash a compelling subject matter.

Though the subject matter may not seem interesting, it is the detail of the paintings that holds the viewer's attention--I never imagined a Styrofoam takeout box could hold my attention for so long. Many of his paintings feel 3-D, especially "Real Lemon, 2004-2005;" I had to stop myself from trying to peel off the price tag.

Wright explained at the gallery opening that along with his interest in color, the pairing of something permanent (in some cases apparent-

ly meaning non-biodegradable, such as Styrofoam) and something that is living and perfect for such a short amount of time is meaningful to him.

I thought this was an interesting pairing to represent the ironic feeling of the insignificance of man next to his own creation, which will outlive him indefinitely, considering the realization that life is short and

sweet like fruit.

I highly recommend a trip down to the art gallery to see this exhibit; it is definitely worth your time to see the incredible detail with which Wright creates his masterpieces. As an artist, his exhibit will give you something to admire and aspire to. As a viewer, it will entertain, enlighten and captivate your imagination.



Two students look at the pamphlets outside of the gallery detailing Chris Wright's exhibit.

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horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

The weather, while balmy and comfortable, is starting to worry you. While your friends go to the park, you're inside, nervously waiting. Thankfully, that crippling paranoia of yours is going to pay off! Soon the fluffy clouds will become all-consuming and black as coal—it will rain for forty days and forty nights—but you, insightful Aries, will persevere—buoyed by weeks of abstract fear and snubbed noses.

Taurus

It's been a good week, a good month, a good year. Nothing can break your stride, nothing's gonna slow you down, oh no, you're just gonna keep on moving—but in all sincerity, things are going to go well up until that day. Which day you might ask? Why, the day when everything you've strived for crumbles before your eyes—ending in a loss of self and impoverished environment. It'll be fun.

Gemini

Man, you're in for a change! Gone are the pirate t-shirts and the blue hair—the only thing left of your former life is the duct tape tuxedo and strange devil-duck obsession. Your friends are all scared for you, comrade. By continuing this new productive lifestyle, you're slowly forcing your friends into the uncomfortable position of strapping you to a chair and deprogramming you. It's gonna be like freakin' *Clockwork Orange*, man.

Cancer

Thanksgiving—a time to catch up with family and fall peacefully into a slumber. There's football on T.V., turkey on the table and a roaring fire—for some. For others, there's grandma dancing in a drunken stupor. Sure it's embarrassing, but even the wackiest and most chemical-dependent of your relatives is still kin, so accept your potentially hazardous genes and next time, give granny a dance partner.

Leo

You've been having bully trouble and it's time for it to stop. Next time you get asked by a moocher, say 'no' and stand by your answer. Even when you are beaten to a pulp. Of course you're still a monumental coward in the eyes of everyone, but...be proud anyway. I mean you're ninety-eight pounds and suffer from anemia. Get your butt to the gym and start lifting, you pansy.

Virgo

It's impossible that all Virgos are virgins. Think about it—you reached sexual maturity around fourteen and you're twenty now. That's six years up at the plate. Assuming an average life span of seventy, you've still got fifty-odd years to go! Add that to the fact that there are over three billion potential partners on the planet—odds are you'll sleep with someone before you die. Chin up!

Libra

Sorry for the twist of the knife into the soon-to-be twitching corpse that will be your life. How exactly did you manage to get that vast amount of inappropriate and illegal pornography? It's like your computer gained a sense of decency and put itself out of misery. How else do you explain the spontaneous combustion located exclusively in the hard drive area. OIT can help you. Just feign innocence on the porn charges.

Scorpio

I hope your semester abroad has taught you about the wonders of the world, and the possibilities that lie beyond our American coast. By now you've probably also heard every pick-up line in every language and been offered a multitude of lewd acts of such perversion that they would sterilize the average frat boy. You've hopefully also experienced a range of cultures more diverse than you could previously imagine. Hopefully.

Sagittarius

You're in for a boring week. Nothing will happen to you or anyone you know. Don't worry about it. Exciting stuff can't happen all the time. Wait, this particular breed of the doldrums has become commonplace in your everyday life? The weeks just seem to crawl by, sleep and class are your only escapes from the blasé role of everyday life? Maybe next week will be better. Go streaking through the CA. That's always fun.

Capricorn

Musical theatre has become the bane of your existence. The spontaneous singing, the dance sequences, the bizarre plots of the love lives of anthropomorphic cats. My advice is to think of the whole show as one long game: for every song that passes—there's one less song you have to hear. Plus, there's usually a mini-bar in the theatre, so if the need strikes, you can face the third soliloquy trashed out of your mind.

Aquarius

What's that, cynical Aquarius? 'Life is pain?' 'Bah!' Maybe it was a bad week, but don't listen to Bright Eyes and read *Family Circus* through tear-stained eyes! It's how we deal with bad days that makes us who we are. Fail a exam? Study more, you delinquent! Can't meet women? Try a personal ad in *The Morning Call* (*snicker*). Just stay out of the comics.

Pisces

So you've had this theory. It's a morbid theory, but bear analysis for psychological reasons. You think you've died and this is hell. There's just enough to distract you from the downward spiral you're in. Well—you did die, but this is heaven. You're going to stay here for eternity partying every night and engaging in blissful and illicit acts with multitudes of beautiful partners. Congrats.

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the air, stretching them in strands with their fingers as they spoke. Shepard's music also had lyrics which added to the ongoing poem created in the piece. "I like to think of her voice as the sixth dancer," said Shepard of Patty Griffin, the voice in the music he used. The quality of the movement was very mellow during much of the piece. Two of the dancers moved faster and stronger as they did a contact duet; however, the piece needed a change of movement quality toward the middle of the piece to keep the attention of the audience.

Katie Babick's '06 piece "Keeping the Clouds Away" was inspired by Dr. Seuss, *The Muppets* and *Cirque de Soleil*. Babick, an art and dance double major, created abstract sculptures for the piece which formed a whimsical environment for her dancers. The dance centered around a bird, who fluttered between the dancers but was eventually relegated to Babick's sculpture cage for much of the dance. The dancers performed energetically but the dance needed to travel more throughout the space of the stage.

The movement in Alex Reekie's '07 piece "Weight to Move On" was violent and athletic but also clean because many of the movements were technical. The dancers seemed pained as they ran their hands along the sides of their faces and contracted their torsos repeatedly. Reekie's inspiration was the memory of a

past relationship and she tried to integrate the phases that a relationship goes through into her dance. The costumes, movement and music fit together well but the lighting seemed too bright for the distressed nature of the piece.

"Fragmented Whole," choreographed by Carly Friedlander '06, closed the concert. The title of the piece fit the movement as dancers separated from the larger group. A path of light shone diagonally across the stage and near the end of the piece all the dancers moved in unison slowly out of the light, creating the powerful image of the dancers in shadow and the light shining on emptiness. Friedlander said that she was thinking about how people interact but the piece also seemed to be about a set path symbolized by the light that the dancers ultimately strayed from.

All of the pieces in the concert consisted of modern dance. Cairns said that although the "whole concert is modern...each piece has a unique style." Cairns believed that the choreographers chose modern because composition classes at the College focus on having students create their own movement.

Romano personally chose modern because when she tried to choreograph ballet, "[she] felt like there were only certain movements that came organically to [her]." Modern allowed her to "tap into a whole new way of moving," which gave her more creative opportunities to express herself.



Gabrielle Campagna '06 in "Halfway Solved", choreographed by Chris Shepard '07, poses on the floor.

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feelings. The grass will always be greener on the other side. Not saying that you should settle for less than your worth, but to reject someone for their appearance and then complain about some girl doing the same to you is just hypocritical.

Don't be a jerk. Even if you absolutely don't want anything to do with the girl, at least have the courage to talk to her about it. Not

that it happens all the time, but you might find that you actually have something in common with the girl. Sure you might not get a relationship out of it, but one conspiracy that I find to be very true is that all girls know each other. A bad word from one of them somehow spreads and they all think that you're a big pig. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you and all that jazz. You'll be a filet mignon before you know it!

Playing for the right reasons

Mule Profile--Lacie Smith

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Coming off very diverse seasons the past three years, the seniors of the women's basketball team, including co-Captain Lacie Smith, are looking to settle into a groove early on in this 2005-2006 season.

Smith was recently named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Scotty Wood Tournament, which the women won for the third year in a row. It was the first time since 1999 that both the men's and women's teams won the championship.

"This year could be a really exciting year for the College's whole basketball program," says Smith. "Both teams have great potential, as shown by the Scotty Wood titles and everyone should come out to see some good basketball this season."

If you do decide to go to a game, one can tell Smith apart from the others on the court by her one trademark. She doesn't believe in superstitions but "the high side-ponytail is all I need for good luck and I brought it back into fashion."

Originally from Bellefonte, Pa., Smith began playing basketball at a young age, prodded by her father. "My dad pushed me to play sports. When I was little, I was a real girly girl. I did dance and things like that but as I got older, he got me interested in sports. I started competitive basketball in eighth grade and volleyball in ninth grade."

Also a star volleyball player at Bellefonte High School, Smith had the ability to play volleyball at the collegiate level but says she enjoys basketball more, which made the decision easy for her.

Upon arriving at the College, Smith adjusted to the college game as a freshman, but in her sophomore season, the team was thrust onto the national scene as the top scoring team in Division III (DIII). The College finished the season with a DIII-record average of 10.2 three-pointers per game and 90.8 points per contest, which topped all NCAA divisions.

The team lost a close game to McDaniel College in the Centennial Conference playoffs, 83-76, and then advanced to win the Championship and make it to the NCAA Sweet 16.

In her junior season, the team struggled coming off such a successful previous season, but Smith shined, averaging 9.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. She was even more effective over the last eight games of the season, posting 15.1 points per game, including a career high 24 points in the final win over Ursinus College.

Now in her final year, Smith has high hopes for the team and herself. "We have eight seniors who have worked very hard together over the last four years and we want nothing more than to have a successful season. We are all so close with the underclassmen and the freshmen have become a part of the team so quickly



Senior Lacie Smith is participating in her final season and recently received the Most Valuable Player award at the Scotty Wood Tournament.

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so we have great chemistry on and off the court which is so important."

Smith says the team's main goal this season is to win the Conference, as she has come close in her past three years but the "team has never been able to push over the edge."

A humble player, Smith downplays her game so far this season, saying the win at Scotty Wood, for which she was MVP, was a complete team effort.

"I was very surprised to win that award, because to me, there never is an MVP. We play together as a team and that's the reason we succeeded like we did. I was honored and excited to be recognized but I was way

more excited for the championship and what it did for team morale."

Perhaps Smith is so level-headed and well-rounded because of her father, who she names as her inspiration in all that she does. "He's always pushed me to do everything the way that I do it today, not only in basketball, but in schoolwork, in everything. He's just that kind of person."

This dedication to all that she does has proven effective for Smith at the College. A Political Science and Communication double major, she hopes to enter the workforce upon graduation. "I hope to do clerical work in a law firm for a year. I haven't taken the LSATs yet

so I'm going to take a little time off before applying to law schools."

Smith is also a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and Athletes across the Atlantic, which has raised money for hurricane relief, breast cancer research and AIDS awareness and research.

In her final season, Smith hopes the team plays up to its potential. "This season is different since it's our last time ever as seniors," said Smith. "They're my seven best friends. There were others to rely on in the past, but this time around, it's our team. But I have supreme confidence in these girls and the rest of the team and I know that this year will be our best yet."

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New Voices & A Bird of Prey

Provocative New Plays by Jim Grimsley

Performance at Fall Brawl shows wrestlers can compete at the top



Freshman Matt Horn pinned his first two opponents at 174, both in the first period.

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By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Nov. 19, the wrestling team competed at Ursinus College's Fall Brawl.

Fall Brawl was a non-scoring tournament, but hosted some highly-competitive teams. The College of New Jersey and York College, which are both Division III nationally-ranked teams--sixth and ninth respectively--were there to compete. Also competing was Princeton University, a Division I team.

The College proved they were able to compete with such teams when two wrestlers finished in the finals. Senior co-Captain Dale Mills and Sophomore Joe DeCampo both ended strong, placing second in their respective weight classes.

Mills won his first two matches by major decisions, (8-0) and (10-2). A pin in 4:24 put him in the 157-pound finals. The final match resulted in a 13-7 loss to a Stevens Tech wrestler.

DeCampo took his first two opponents with major decisions (9-1) and (18-5). His

close 7-6 match gave him the win to go to the 149-pound finals. Decampo finished second after a tight 3-2 loss to another Stevens Tech wrestler.

Decampo attributes his accomplishment to the team's help and support. "Everyone's skill level and work ethic has improved, which has made me work harder to get better. I have experience and have improved overall in both my offense and defense."

Freshmen Billy Hall and Matt Horn each ended 2-1. Hall wrestled at 133-pounds and had one pin, a major decision and a loss

by decision. Horn, 174-pounds, finished with two pins and lost his final match by one point.

At 174-pounds, Junior John Hesse won two matches by decision and lost his final by tech fall in six minutes.

Many of the College's matches were cancelled due to a time limit. Eight wrestlers were denied their chance to compete again for the opportunity to place higher.

The College will be wrestling in a two-day tournament Dec. 2-3 at Messiah College.

WRESTLING

Hockey not tough enough

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS WRITER

On Fri., Nov. 18, the College's ice hockey team lost a close game against number two seeded Millersville University, 9-7.

During the first period, Millersville scored three goals and allowed the Mules none.

The Mules battled 'back and scored four goals by the end of the second period. Millersville scored two more goals during this period.

The Mules began the third period with a power play goal and tied the game 5-5.

Later in the period, Millersville bounced back and scored three unanswered goals to win the game.

"Our team is young and a lot of the talent comes from the younger guys on the team, but the seniors have shown great leadership, especially with the transition into the new league," said Sophomore Jarrett Haring.

The Mules are currently in sixth place in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference.

Several Mules claimed their first points of the year during the game, including Seniors Brendan Haney and Jordan Sorkin, Junior Leo Sheehan and Sophomores Jonathan Kliewer and Brett Shaver.

"We played probably our strongest game of the season. We never really gave up and we put together three solid periods of hockey together. It is just unfortunate that some lapses in a few areas cost us the game. The guys are still adjusting to the new league, but we can definitely play and we'll start winning some games," said Haring.

The Mules' next game is a double header at home on Sat., Dec. 3. The first game is against Gettysburg College at 1:30 p.m., followed by a game that will be played against Johns Hopkins University at 6:45 p.m.

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threw a pass from the sideline to Courtney for a layup, which accounted for one of her six assists.

With under two minutes of play, Piscadlo hit a three-pointer and Smith completed a three-point play to quiet a Wilkes' basket.

Smith ended with a game-high 20 points and seven of the College's 58 rebounds (Wilkes only had 28). Smith's ten free throws tied the tournament record, which was also tied the night before by Boyle, with ten free throws. Courtney added 15 points and 18 rebounds. Coluccini also tied a career best with 15 rebounds.

Smith was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) while Courtney made the All-Tournament team.

Three days later, the Mules had the home court again to defeat Bryn Mawr College on Tuesday, 66-39. After trailing 3-0 at the start, Piscadlo hit two three-point-

ers in a 14-0 run in the first half.

The Mules posted large numbers, leading by 30 points, dishing out 18 assists and grabbing 17 steals while forcing 31 turnovers. Courtney had 12 points while Boyle notched nine and Sophomore Michelle Feldman contributed eight.

With a 3-0 start, the next time that the ladies can be seen will be at Johns Hopkins University on Sat., Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.



Junior Meghan Courtney leaps in the air to recover a loose ball.

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Athletic Hall of Fame adds six

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

During halftime of the men's Scotty Wood Tournament championship game on Nov. 19, the College inducted five individuals and one entire team as the Hall of Fame 2005 class.

Dennis Adams '94 was recognized as the only College basketball player to be named Most Valuable Player of the tournament three years in a row. Adams is also the second leading scorer in the program's history with 1,638 points, and also places second on both the field goals' and assists' all-time lists with 629 and 158, respectively. These statistics contributed to his presence on the Centennial Conference All-Conference team three years in a row and to his being named to the All-Region team during his final two years.

Tim Averell '96 was inducted because of his high-scoring performances on some of the top men's



The College's former athletes were honored with entrance into the Hall of Fame.

Courtesy of the Muhlenberg website

soccer teams in the program. Fourth all-time in both goals and points scored, Averell ended his career with 49 goals and 110 points. As a co-Captain in 1995, Averell led his team to the semifinals of the NCAAs, earned first-team All-American honors and was named Centennial Conference Player of the Year. During his career, the Mules went 60-14-6, winning two Centennial

Conference championships.

Sarah Clarke-Miser's '99 induction location was appropriate considering she still leads the women's basketball program in assists with 406, three-pointers with 220 and free-throw percentage with 80.7 percent. She also ranks third on the all-time scoring list with 1,054 points and was the first player to record 100 assists in one season, which she did three years in a row.

During her career, she made the All-Conference team for four years and won back-to-back

Conference Championships in 1997 and 1998.

The 2005 class had one more basketball player to add: Richard McGee '50. As a center, McGee was the second 1,000-point scorer at that time and was part of a team that went 74-24 and won four Mid-American Conference

Championships and two Mid-Atlantic Conference titles.

The late Wilson Hendricks was inducted as an honorary member for working in the equipment room from 1981-2004. At the time of his death, Hendricks had the longest continuous tenure as a College employee. In 2002, he won the Scotty Wood Tournament Community Service Award.

As a result of a recent Hall of Fame amendment, the 1946 football team became the first entire team to be inducted. That year, the team set an outstanding record with nine wins that would last for more than 50 years. The team also earned a bid to the Tobacco Bowl in Lexington, Ky.

The team ranked as high as 19th in all of college football. They outscored opponents 307-99 and set records including 569 rushing yards and 690 total yards in a single game, all of which occurred versus the 39-0 game versus Albright College.

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Mule run and a 12-6 Mule lead in the first half. O'Brien scored eight

points in the run. The six-point lead was the largest lead until the final ten minutes.

Midway through the second half, the Mules succeeded in dissolving

the tension of a tie at 45 points by making a 8-0 run to take the lead for good. Pothering and Junior Tom Scott hit back-to-back three-pointers. Scott followed with two huge plays: he blocked a shot at the other end and scored a lay-up from a pass from O'Brien on the conversion. This made the score 53-45, but the Mules couldn't relax yet.

Oneonta came to within two points on two occasions, but the Mules made eight of ten free throws to seal the game and the championship in the final minute.

"I have been waiting for that moment for four years," said O'Brien. "It felt great. It was also a great way to start the season on the right foot."

O'Brien's 16-point and six-assist performance helped him earn the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award of the tournament while Stewart's nearly identical solid presence in the post (18 points, 11 rebounds) placed him on the All-Tournament team for the third year in a row.

"The most important thing was to win the tournament," said O'Brien, "but being named MVP was an honor. It was a great way for my last Scotty Wood tournament to end."

The Mules played one more game against Arcadia University before Thanksgiving Break and won 83-60. Their sharp passing led to a particu-

larly high shooting percentage in the first half of 67.9 percent, 19 of 28 shots. The nine misses led to six offensive rebounds and three immediate put-backs.

Breaking open the eight-eight tie, the Mules went on a 14-1 run that concluded with a three-point play by Junior Justin Fields and a Pothering three-pointer.

Pothering created a rein of threes in the second half as he made three three-pointers in a span of a little over a minute. This was a huge part of a 13-0 run that made the score 73-39 with under ten minutes to play.

Stewart led the Mules with 15 points and eight rebounds while Pothering's four three-pointers came at 13 minutes.

Scott and Huber also scored nine points each while O'Brien contributed four assists and a career-high five steals to his nine points.

"Everyone is very confident," said O'Brien. "We still have a lot of room for improvement. But winning this game was like the icing on the cake for all of the seniors, and we look forward to continuing success this year. We are a close group and want to make this year the best."

The men join the women at Johns Hopkins University this Saturday to play at 4 p.m. They also play at home on Tues., Dec. 6, against Swarthmore College at 8 p.m.



The Mules basketball team shows off their trophy proudly, as they begin their season with a bang.

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Dual Scotty Wood Champions

Men top Oneonta with solid play.

Women show that experience does matter.

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

On Nov. 18 and 19, the Mules defeated The College of Staten Island, 81-68, and the State University of New York at Oneonta, 72-62, to become the Scotty Wood Champions. This marked the first time that the Mules won the championship game since 1999, which is also the last time that both the men and women kept the championship crown in Memorial Hall.

In the first game of the tournament, the Mules took on Staten Island and defeated them in a decisive fashion. Junior Jeff Stuart, who was an honorable mention in d3hoops.com's preseason All-American poll, led the Mules in three statistical categories. While scoring 19 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, Stuart managed to pass the ball to tally five assists as well.

The Staten Island Dolphins came out hard, hitting nine of their first 11 shots within the first third of the game. With a layup by Senior Jimmy O'Brien, the Mules tied the game at 19. The Mules kept up the

pressure when they were on defense, causing Staten Island to make only three of their remaining twenty shots in the half. The College went into the locker room with a 14-point lead.

The second half was more of a rollercoaster as the Mules climbed to a 18-point lead and the Dolphins fought to come within seven points with a little more than a minute of play. When the Dolphins fouled, the College put them away, hitting

seven points out of eight free throws, and won by 13 points. Junior Chris Huber contributed

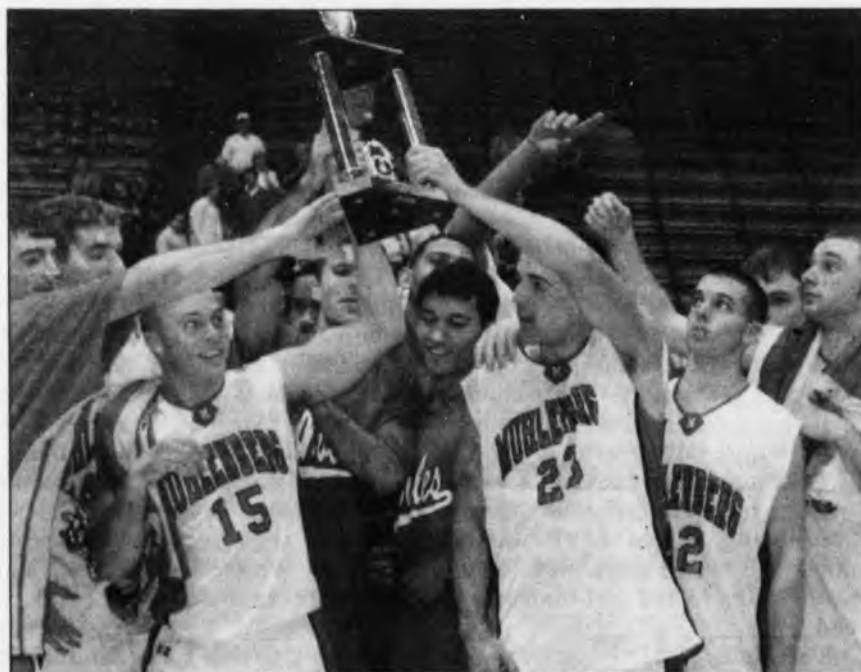
five of those seven free throws in his first career start. Huber ended with career-high numbers: 15 points and seven rebounds.

Junior Chris Pothering added his share, coming off the bench and scoring 12 points. Freshman Michael Bernardini also put a spark in the game with two key three-pointers that came under a minute apart.

In the Championship game, the Mules and Oneonta exchanged the lead several times despite a 10-0

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



The men's team won the Scotty Wood tournament for the first time since 1999.

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The women's basketball team poses with their third championship trophy in four years.

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WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team are Scotty Wood Champions once again. They defeated Albright College, 71-65, and Wilkes College, 70-52, two weekends ago.

It was the third consecutive championship and the fourth championship overall won by the Mules in the past five years. This win marked the first time in the tournament's history that the College won three years in a row.

In the first round of the tournament, the Mules defeated Albright by six points.

In the first half of the game, neither team dominated due to multiple lead changes. The score didn't vary by more than a six-point spread. After Senior co-Captain Kristen Piscadlo completed a three-point play with under five minutes to play in the first half, the score was 24-22 and the Mules only lost the lead for 14 seconds for the remainder of the game.

That lead was lost with three minutes left in the game when the Mules trailed 62-61. Then Senior co-Captain Stephanie Coluccini

scored a lay-up that sparked a 10-3 run. Albright came within three points with 11.5 seconds left in regulation before Freshman Lauren Boyle hit two of her ten free throws to close out the win for the Mules. Boyle logged 18 points and went 10-for-10 from the free throw line in her career debut.

The scoring was evenly distributed with Coluccini scoring eight points, Piscadlo, 11, Junior Meghan Courtney, 11 and Senior Lacie Smith, with seven points. Smith

also recorded a team-high 12 rebounds.

In the championship game, the Mules defeated Wilkes, 70-52. While the final score shows a decisive victory, the teams were neck-and-neck until the Mules pulled away midway through the second half.

With 8:17 remaining in the game, Wilkes tied the score at 48 as they came back from a nine-point deficit. Smith began the run with one of her signature up-and-under shots under the basket and Senior Tiffany Kirk capped it with a three-pointer from the corner. Piscadlo

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Greek Life suffering from a lack of enrollment

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The number of pledges to fraternities and sororities at the College has decreased from 26 percent of those eligible to 20 percent. According to President Randy Helm, most liberal arts colleges no longer have a Greek system on campus, including the top twenty-five small liberal arts colleges in the nation. The College, on the other hand, is committed to having a Greek system on its campus.

When asked for possible reasons as to why there are less people pledging, Helm replied, "Some say that students do a 'cost-benefit analysis' and find that the perceived cost of joining a Greek organization (time spent rushing and pledging, possible hazing, possible impact on academic performance, competition with other extracurricular activities) is too high." He added

that, "I don't know if that is true or not, but it is something that Greek leaders should try to figure out."

Rebecca Chovnick '06, President of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, said she understands that money is a "sensitive topic for many people." However, the "great experience" she has had gaining leadership skills, learning how to organize events and participating in team building workshops, has "all definitely been worth it."

In terms of trying to get more people involved, Chovnick said, "We just try to keep a positive attitude about the whole thing. We wear our letters proud, try to get the word out and show people we are representing something good."

Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity gained 13 new members this semester, the highest since 1998. Rob Brennan '07, the President of Phi Kappa Tau and former Recruitment

Chair said males want to join their fraternity because they see the strong relationship between brothers and want to join the organization that many of their friends are already a part of. He said, "We are looking forward to a big group in the Spring."

Helm said that, "I do not think the administration should be forcing students to keep alive activities and organizations that they aren't interested in. There is a natural ebb and flow of student interest in different activities. The College should try to be supportive of student priorities and interests, being flexible enough to realize when some organizations just need a bit more support and when students are really choosing to put their energies into other pursuits."

Helm continued, "I don't

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Student Body speaks out at bonfire

By Sara Horowitz
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

On Mon., Dec. 5, the Student Body Association (SBA) held a meeting on the Library Lawn. The event started off with a performance by the Acafellas and then the bonfire, a special event for the meeting, was lit.

The amendment proposed by Student Council, but not passed, was that in order for a motion to be passed it would be necessary for 107 Student Body members to attend a Student Body meeting. The purpose of the amendment was to prevent a very small minority from speaking and making decisions on behalf of 2,125 people. There were less than 20 students present at the last SBA meeting. For this motion, those against the amendment argued that Student Council was taking away the Student Body's right to

have a voice about what goes on.

Neil Freedman '06 said, "I was in favor of the proposed amendments. Besides all of that, I think the night was a success. Hopefully, for future Student Body meetings, we won't need a bonfire, and students will come and prove they want their voice to be heard."

Kim Nguyen '06 said she was "extremely pleased with the turnout" and that it was the "most ever at an SBA meeting." She said that "people realized a lot of controversy was surrounding these issues," which explains why so many people came to the bonfire.

Steve Fischer '06, who was against the proposal, raised the point that if he pays the tuition at the College he wants to have a say at what goes on at the

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The College creates a new, unified logo

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As time passes, styles are updated to go with trends and modernized to create an acceptable image. The College is in the process of unifying, and updating the College's logo. The change is not major, yet it brings unification amongst all departments.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, said that "Every few years, we look at the College's graphic

identity program. Several years ago, we tightened up the use of the College seal and logo and became much stricter about the appropriate use of cardinal, the official red (PMS 186)." For the current redesign of the logo, CMN Design of Watertown, Mass., an award-winning design firm, was the winner of the design bid.

"It is important when someone sees an item associated with the College; they see that it is indeed the College. With places nearby

which are named Muhlenberg Elementary or Muhlenberg Hospital, one may get confused. The school wants to show in its message that it is a caring school with positive outcomes and good faculty interaction. The logo is one more way to show it," Bruckner said.

As opposed to other schools and businesses, the change is gradual. For instance, when Allentown

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Kim Nguyen '07 and Brian Gagliano '08 hosted an information session before the Student Body Association meeting.

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Change, while hard, is necessary

As our second to last semester quickly draws to a close, we look around the College and see a multitude of changes. Our own organization will soon be undergoing our usual semester-end elections, which may bring some changes that will cause us to adapt our ways to complement our new Editorial Board. When we look farther outside of our own niche within the College we see that Becky Grace, former Director of Student Activities, is now in an entirely new department. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, will be retiring next semester, thereby bringing a new Dean of Students to the College. Of course, these are only some of the new beginnings occurring, and it makes us wonder: with all this change, this upheaval, will it bring positive changes to the College or will it have detrimental effects?

As we tend to like to do, we are filled with optimism about many of these changes. We are fully confident that Grace will excel in her new position and, while we will miss Dean Ehrenberg, we believe that the College will find a new Dean of Students who will affect many positive changes.

Though it's a cliché, the new year will bring many changes. For us, it will be the final chapter in our college career and we will leave this small patch in Allentown to begin our lives as "grown-ups," that slightly scary concept that we liked to imagine as children, but are more likely to cringe at now that we are so close to reaching that stage. Though we have moments of excitement about this impending change, there are also moments when we'd prefer to delay time and stay in our comfortable bubble for longer. Nevertheless, change is inevitable—for what is the alternative? To remain students at the College forever? Perhaps it may sound nice, but in reality, just like Grace and Ehrenberg, we know when it is time for to move on and create a new beginning for ourselves.

Detrimental effects or not, change is bound to happen. The author Gail Sheehy said, "If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we are not really living." Live we must, and as the bells chime at midnight on Dec. 31, we will welcome a new year certain to bring happiness, sadness, and above all, change.

Classes can only teach so much and go so far

John Dunphy
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Every year, thousands upon thousands of students in the U.S. graduate from college. Years of studying in elementary school, junior high, high school and college are all finished. No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers...yadda yadda yadda. It's all done and then...what?

Everyone knows that there is a certain stigma behind the college experience. The idea of wild partying and crazy times is always associated with places of higher learning, be it Ivy League or public school. Usually, these types of activities are frowned upon by society in general but to be quite frank, that's what college is all about. Dare I say, getting out and meeting people is one of the most important aspects

of College.

This is a liberal arts school. To think about it seriously, there is nothing that the school will really prepare us for. Not saying that this is just the case at the College, but it's the same everywhere. Even students in the science programs will most likely be going on to a different school for official training later.

For the past three years, I have been a Political Science/Theatre double major. Recently, I've had to drop my Political Science major for personal reasons. At first, I was disheartened but after some serious thought, I realized that it was not that bad. What would a degree in Political Science help me accomplish later? Furthermore, what would a degree in Theatre help to accomplish either? Psychology,

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If time is money, where does happiness come in?

Rick Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

On Muhlenberg's website, a page is devoted to breaking down the essential information about the school to prospective students and parents. On this page is the outline of college costs. Tuition costs current students \$28,550. Room is \$3,875 and board is \$3,150. All together, the comprehensive costs for a year at Muhlenberg as a full-time student comes to a whopping \$36,030. So, let's face it: a good education at a selective school is going to put a rather large dent in quite a few wallets. This is to be assumed; after all, good professors require good salaries.

But let's not kid ourselves—college is expensive. I have never found myself more broke. I remember a time when my parents used to pay for everything. Now that they are paying for my education, I find myself cursing myself for not saving more money over the years.

Obviously, with overall costs over \$35,000, the school has money to spare. So why do I get the feeling that the College is trying to take my money at every opportunity they get? I needed to stay at the school

over fall break last year so I could go on a trip that left on Sunday to Baltimore, Md., for a Muhlenberg Activities Council meeting to recruit new acts for next year. To me, this was not only fun, but it helped the school as well. However, you need to register with the Office of Residential Services (ORS) if you are planning on staying over the break. That sounds reasonable—after all, if dorms need to be secure, it is going to be important to know who is here and who is not.

But I registered late. I was made aware that I needed to register only after a senior told me I needed to a week after the deadline. I didn't think it would be a problem—I was staying for a good cause; they would surely understand. The sports teams stay over break. I went to ORS to confirm that everything was in place and that it was not a problem.

I was wrong. I was quickly informed that I would have to pay a \$25 fine for registering late. "But nobody told me about registering until yesterday," I proclaimed. Apparently, I was lying. I was sent a brightly colored piece of paper

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Veto permits torture in U. S. prison camps

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

John McCain is a well-respected Senator from the state of Arizona.

This respect goes beyond party lines and the usual partisan bickering on Capitol Hill. A former navy pilot who served over five years in a Vietnamese prison camp while fighting in the Vietnam War, McCain is a seasoned military veteran. His opinions command attention and respect from Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike, a rarity in our current political landscape.

A throwback Republican, McCain doesn't appease the radical religious right-wing of his party. Moderate in his political stance, he also doesn't march to the beat of one drum as most robot-like Republicans seem to. During the 2004 presidential election, McCain stood up for Democratic candidate John Kerry (whose military service was being unfairly attacked by the Bush administration) by saying the ads discrediting Kerry's service were "dishonest and dishonorable."

The Senator was able to see the debauchery of a man who averted serving our country (our President), and instead attacked the military record of Kerry, a medal-winning officer.

McCain has recently stepped up in our Senate to end the ongoing fiasco of prisoner torture by our military. Sponsoring a measure that would end "cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment" of prisoners in U.S. custody, he is working to restore credibility to our military after the embarrassing Abu Ghraib incident.

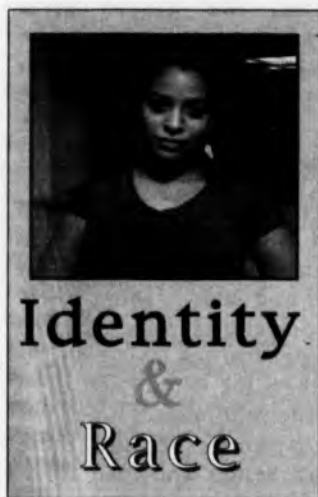
By noticing the counter-productivity the torture of prisoners has had on our efforts to stabilize Iraq, McCain is no maverick. Besides making us look foolish and hypocritical to the rest of the world, by partaking in actions of those we condemn, it also increases hatred towards Americans by Muslims worldwide. Simple common sense is all it takes to support this measure. McCain should be credited for leading the process of actually bringing the measure to the floor of Congress.

Fortunately, the majority of our Senate has common sense. They

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Racism within the context of self:

The contemporary burden of societal change



Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

In the traditional sense, all things must come to an end, but I favor the new take on things in which everything flows into one another, and we discover we're in *The Lion King*, thus everything returns in its changed form. Over this past semester, I have written about the highs and lows of racism, the secrets if you will, and what

appears to be obvious. We have gone on a journey, reacted to each other, reacted against one another and yet we still rise like a phoenix.

Societal time heaves and ebbs, no movement is constant. According to David Shipler, "Things are getting better. Things have gotten better. Things are getting worse at the same time." We are all so afraid to commend ourselves for accomplishments, in the face of racism, the moment we think we understand; simultaneously we deny that we ever could. Is there really a need to discover the "why" in our reactions? The point of my articles was not to explain racism. I truly believe that the victims, recipients and perpetrators cannot understand racism as a system intellectually because our mindsets are dictated by its boundaries. I believe that there is no existence outside this system in America. What then are

we left with?

Carl T. Rowan protests, "I almost weep when I see what has happened to the civil rights movement, the bloody struggles for racial justice...so much that was wop over the bites of police dogs, the truncheons of bigoted cops, has been diluted or lost." It does in fact remain to be discovered how strong the exhaustion of the enlightened will prove. Who really wants to rise to action when the yearning to discover the intimate details of the private life of your race and your motives face a trial?

Charles H. King, Jr. interjects, "A suffering people has the capacity to develop long patience and endurance, and to look on the fact of blackness as a cross to bear. And we bear it quite well. But my fear is that in this generation we have been unable to transmit to our young people the need to bear crosses." Our need, as a nation, to discover the caliber we possess has

vanished, and we have resorted to the distraction of the masses and media to fill this fearful emptiness within. Do you know why you are afraid?

John Howard Griffin believes, "A deeply held prejudice will actually cause our senses to accommodate to the prejudice rather than to the reality of what they are seeing or hearing," I personally do not understand how you can go through life and not constantly look for a deeper meaning.

There are sounds behind the sounds and layers after that of innovation. Significance exists in everything. In Joseph Conrad's novel *Heart of Darkness*, his narrator, in one of Marlow's pauses breaks in with, "The others might have been asleep, but I was awake. I listened. I listened on the watch for the sentence, for the word, that would give me a clue to the faint uneasiness inspired by this narrative that seemed to shape

itself without human lips in the heavy night air of the river." Even though the tumultuous nature of race is like a beast with a head or direction, it is not something to be conquered. There will be fear and uncertainty, especially in the darkest hours, and sometimes you will be waiting for something that will never come because it does not exist. However, in the murk in gloom, or rather underneath, the seeds of creativity rest.

Trite as it may sound, it's up to you to foster that want to get at those seeds; it's up to you to decide when to take a break and realize that you are not what people say you are. You do not have to wait for someone else to finish your story. One of the facts of life remains that it is in our power to direct the emotion in our passion. We do choose our own poison, we cannot help it, but in the absence of our fearful anger, closure lives on.

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Philosophy, Women's Studies, Religion and a multitude of other majors include amazing classes that are important to take, but what do they really prepare you for unless you are going to further your education?

The true lessons to be gained from college are the ones that are learned outside the classroom. Being affiliated with different clubs and groups on campus and holding positions in those groups and meeting people is what really matters.

In recent studies, and I for the life of me can't remember where I heard this, the average man changes his career three times in his life. Not his job, not his hobby, his career. After a person leaves college, the jobs they will get will not always reflect their interests during their tenure at the institution. Not only that, but there is no telling whether in twenty years a person will want to do the same thing that they pursued in college. It's scary but it's true.

So, what happens when, after studying mathematical formulas for four years you suddenly decide to get involved in film? Or maybe after learning all the intricacies of a camera, you find that you are desperately interested in politics. What then? I can almost guarantee that the first thing you will do is call one of your

college friends who was involved in those issues while they were here and now have a job somewhere. You will be calling a professor that you had a while back to see if they could point you in the right direction. You'll talk to different fraternity or sorority alum. to see if they have a position somewhere that can help you. College is about making these connections and strengthening your ties to the world around you.

Schmoozing is one of the greatest life skills you could learn while attending college. In any market, it is important to be able to talk to people, meet new people and remember their names. Not only will it help you out, but in the event that you do make it in whatever career you choose, you can help out your friends. My friends and I laugh all the time about who is whose "bread and butter" because we know that in the event one of us makes it, we'll help each other out to ensure that everyone gets to the top as well.

The semester is almost over, and for some of us, next semester will be our last. Use this time wisely. I'm not saying that you have to go out and make friends with everyone you see, but make an effort to diversify your world and see if you can make some sort of network for when you get that diploma--a diploma that you won't be able to read anyway since it's in Latin.

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The plight of the bystander:

Defining the course of American capitalism

Dan McClung
OP-ED EDITOR

So many people I know seem sure that they are going to be making millions once they get out of this school.

Regardless of how serious they think they are in actuality, their confidence is unnerving to me. Yes, there are reasons to be confident. We are getting a good education here and there is plenty of room in this country for more self-obsessed nouveau-riche to fill the suburban state of New Jersey.

Assurance, self-worth and importance are all measured in real-estate, bad wine, shoe collections and fancier and fancier Christmas presents. After all, that's the dream of this fine country: efficiency, wealth and prefabrication.

And then of course there are the droves that grab mortgages that will lead them into retirement age, their Armani pockets stuffed with plastic money because that...that is what happiness is.

And then there's me: destined for graduate work in English and, eventually, teaching. Life has turned into a race, and I just decided to stay put and stare at the person who shot the gun. We have become a culture of time. We revolve around deadlines and careful calculations. We have strict guidelines for "success," and standards with tests to measure them.

A few weeks ago I attended a post-graduate awards meeting in which several important folk at this fine institution spoke insistently about graduate school and GPAs and a future that needs planning for. I kept wondering to myself, "what's all the rush?" Yet, of course, there needs to be. We will be spending most of the rest of our lives working consistently, either loathing it or loving it. We will be busying ourselves for the benefit of the capitalist system, lest we all get weary and stop caring.

So, youth and the economic freedom thereof are dwindling, and so on and so forth. I'm not the first to

tread there. It simply seems that in America, there is more time delegated for "getting somewhere" than for enjoying the ride.

I chose the route that I'm on primarily to escape from all of that. I've wanted to have time to absorb everything, and write about it. The question ultimately comes down to whether such a lifestyle will still be possible in this country as it continues to stratify between super-rich and super-poor.

Money, after all, is now an ideology. Wealth is as much defined by appearance as the term "hippie" has become. Of course, what that means is people without any concrete wealth buy Mercedes and club memberships and Gucci. It has become fashionable to spend gross sums on common items. I always look in disgust whenever I pass a Bloomingdales and look at all those \$90 sweatshirts that I could easily replicate for \$25 from a less image-oriented chain.

Obviously there's no end. After all, we deplete ozone because it's

cost-efficient. We go to great lengths to be ignorant just so we can be glorious for a few moments. Our appearance is everything, and we're all trying to be better than each other and, in some cases, better than we actually are.

I wonder how many years it will take before children stop wanting to be astronauts and firemen and train conductors and start hashing invective and stock quotes at their stuffed animals instead of tea invitations. It always bothers me when I see all of the self-made millionaires on shows like *The Apprentice* because these base human beings and their flamboyant stupidity are ultimately controlling our economy and the course of our lives.

So where do we fit in, those who mean little to the grand economical scheme? Regardless of how far we attempt to claw away from money, we are, obviously, inextricably dependant upon it. We can hide, but we're bound to the system, as uncomfortable as that prospect may seem to be.

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describing the registration process. To be honest, I'm not even sure I knew I was going on the trip when that flier was handed out. But did they really expect me to read every piece of junk mail that comes my way?

Legally, I believe this discarded flier entitles ORS to my money for registering late. But what kind of difference is \$25 really going to make? Does it suddenly become incredibly difficult to allow another student to stay in their dorm room for two nights? Do they have to call in all the professors who are on sabbatical? Do they suddenly have to outsource the paperwork to an elitist New York City company? What is a school who spends \$50,000 to get O.A.R. to come and play a 'show going to do with \$25 that I cannot afford to waste?

And, I don't know about anyone else, but I accidentally lost a movie I had checked out from the library. It was a DVD. It costs about \$15 at Best Buy. But can I just buy a new one? No. I have to pay \$75. That is \$50 for the item and a \$25 processing fee. I got a deal for them.

Now, I understand that there is a licensing fee that is incurred when a publication is made available to a community through a public loan system, but doesn't it make a difference that the movie was already bought? That they don't have the license anymore?

I just don't believe it. In addition,

I feel that there is a certain lack of care for students, especially those who live farther away than most.

I understand that most students live within a few hours from here, but if Muhlenberg wants to be nationally recognized, then it must start acting like it cares about its national student population.

I found it highly inconvenient that as a freshman last year, I couldn't have a car. Instead, I had to spend nearly \$300 to get home. Furthermore, because I lived so far from home, I told my parents not to come for Parents' Weekend. So, when there was a sale for parents at the bookstore, I was not able to benefit from it. Perhaps something could have been arranged with the manager, but why should I have gone through all that hassle for a stupid twenty percent discount?

Now, I love the 'Berg as much as the next guy. It has quickly become my home and my family. But I cannot ignore the apparent need to rob students of their limited funds. After talking to the right people, I finally got the late fee waived.

But if every student went through the frustration I went through, if the College keeps charging unjustified fees to the Muhlenberg community, if the schism between the business of higher education and the altruistic action of teaching isn't rectified, the supposedly happy relationship between the residents and the administration that makes Muhlenberg an enjoyable place to live will shift for the worse.

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have overwhelmingly supported McCain's bill by a vote of 90-9. Also, the House of Representatives has expressed a clear favor to supporting the measure.

Sounds good, right? No partisan bickering, just our legislative branch of government using their heads to make a sound decision for the good of our country.

Yet, things can't ever seem to go that smoothly in Washington, DC. Something or somebody always has to step in with their own agenda, far out of the political mainstream. Recently, or at least in the last five years or so, that person almost always seems to be President Bush. He has threatened to veto the measure, which would be the first of his term in office, and also would be an unexplainably poor decision.

How our President could justify the decision to support abuse of prisoners in U.S. custody is nearly impossible to fathom. Please don't ever classify President Bush as being a man of values or a man who embodies democratic values. Democracies don't torture their prisoners to obtain information, they don't beat captives to a pulp and take smiling pictures with the battered body and they don't flush books of worship down toilets.

The Bush administration's decision not to support the measure is so mind-boggling that even those loyal in his own party are outspoken against their party's leader.

Senator Chuck Hagel, a Republican from Nebraska who is a leading Presidential candidate for 2008, questioned the Bush administration. "I think the administration is making a terrible mistake in opposing John McCain's amendment on detainees and torture. Why in the world they're doing that, I don't know." Even Senate majority leader Bill Frist, a staunch ally of Bush, supports McCain's measure.

What are those against the measure thinking? The White House made a statement that says the measure would "restrict the president's authority to protect Americans effectively from terrorist attack and bringing terrorists to justice." Come on now, if we need to torture people to satisfy this administration, maybe it has got to the point where it is time to end it. This is America, land of the free, home of the brave.

This isn't a medieval nation that throws its prisoners into a torture chamber just because it is the strongest nation and no one could stop them. President Bush needs to wake up and become a leader. He needs to stop being a puppet pulled by Dick Cheney and the rest of his administration.

The second he vetoes this measure is the second he loses whatever credibility he has left as a leader of democracy. Judging by the polls, he doesn't have that much left to lose, so maybe that's why he's against the measure.

The Ribbon Project raises AIDS awareness

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

World AIDS Day, the day of global awareness for Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), took place on Thurs., Dec. 1. All around campus there were posters which read, "Did you know 75% of people with HIV don't even know they are infected." The Ribbon Project, a group which raises AIDS awareness at the College, sponsored a panel. The panel consisted of Chrysan Cronin, Lecturer of Biology, Dave Moyer of the Allentown Health Bureau, and Troy Dwyer, Lecturer of Theatre and Dance.

"Muhlenberg is too polite about sex."

**Troy Dwyer,
Lecturer of
Theater and Dance**

"I thought that the different perspective of each member of the panel was helpful in understanding all aspects of the AIDS problem, not just the health or cultural problems in isolation," said Beth Schwartz '08, a student who attended the discussion.

In explaining the history

of the virus, Cronin, who was the first to speak, discussed the apathy shown by the general population in the 1980's when the AIDS virus first broke out. After bringing up the lack of concern that the world showed to the virus at its beginning, Cronin posed the question, "I wonder if we could have stopped it had we just opened our eyes."

The next member of the panel to speak after Cronin was Moyer. His discussion on the AIDS virus was more personal and dealt with the ways in which those who are close to him have been affected by the virus. After speaking about how AIDS has affected him on a personal level, Moyer went on to explain the different opportunities offered by the Health Bureau, such as free testing and personal counseling. In emphasizing the seriousness of the issue, Moyer suggested that it can't hurt anyone to get tested if they think they might need the test.

After Moyer's discussion, Dwyer continued speaking on a more cultural and sociological level about the effects of the virus. To open up his talk, Dwyer said that it was his belief that "it is impossible to speak on AIDS without getting angry or emotional over the subject." Dwyer expressed this as a more general belief

about the topic rather than a personal conviction. Dwyer then delved into the cultural stereotypes surrounding the AIDS virus and the steps that the country has made and should continue to make in order to rid itself of the stereotypes. The main point of Dwyer's talk had to do with the automatic connection that people make between homosexuality and AIDS. Dwyer then explained how these two falsehoods have led certain people to make a connection between homosexuality and some form of illness.

This explanation of the stereotypes and misinformation surrounding the AIDS virus led Dwyer to make a claim that "Muhlenberg is too polite about sex." By this, Dwyer meant that being silent on the issue of AIDS can only lead to more death and suffering. Cronin then described the drugs for AIDS as a "double-edged sword." According to Cronin, "some people now think that they can just take a pill and be okay."

After the discussion, the students who had attended the panel went as a group to see the new movie *RENT*, a recent film based on the landmark show that spread awareness on the issue. Overall, the panel emphasized the importance of continued education on the virus on a global level.



Three panelists, Dave Moyer, Chrysan Cronin and Troy Dwyer spoke about AIDS.

PHOTO BY DAN ORLOW

Revamped Ten Thousand Villages sale is an overwhelming success

By Carolyn Steber
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Ten Thousand Villages sale was held in Seegers Union on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. This sale was organized by Gail Eisenberg, Lecturer of Business, and her Marketing in Not for Profits Organizations class. Eisenberg said, "Three years ago, Valerie Lane [Director of Community Service] brought this event to my attention, and since then, the Marketing in Not-for-Profits' class has been planning the festival. The College has several service-learning courses on campus where students do service within the context of an academic course. Marketing in Not-for-Profits is a service-learning course. In this situation, the students apply their marketing skills to a not-for-profit cause."

Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit organization of fair trade that employs people in third world countries who otherwise would not have a job. The people can sell their handicrafts and receive one hundred percent of the profit from the sale. Eisenberg continued, "Ten Thousand Villages' mission is to 'provide vital, fair income to artisans around the world by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages accomplishes this mission by operating their own stores throughout North America and partnering with others to host festival sales.'"

Eisenberg continued, "Ten Thousand Villages works with artisan groups (primarily women) who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. Now they make a living wage and have the hope and dignity that comes from being employed."

Items came from thirty different countries and six continents. Eisenberg said, "Ten Thousand Villages provides us with the basic inventory of what we have available to sell.

However, the class took a trip to a nearby Ten Thousand Villages store and reviewed the inventory and made recommendations of items they thought would sell well at Muhlenberg." Among the many things for sale were statues from Peru, woven baskets from Uganda, ornaments from Pakistan and jewelry from India.

"The College's festival has the highest sales of the forty colleges nationwide that host these festivals."

**Gail Eisenberg,
Lecturer of
Business**

The sale, now in its third year, was extremely successful. The first year, Eisenberg's class sold \$11,600 worth of merchandise; the second year, \$12,200; and this year, \$18,100.

Eisenberg said, "The College's festival has the highest sales of the forty colleges nationwide that host these festivals. This leap in sales is quite exciting because the class spent time at the beginning of the semester reviewing the information we collected last year, and making changes based on the information to our marketing plan for this year."

Veronica Taylor '09 attended the sale. She said "It had an interesting array of items. Plus, it's cool that the sales help out the artisans."

Kathryn Niedzwiecki '09, also attended the sale. She said, "I enjoyed it, there was such an array of unique and beautiful items for sale. I bought a musical instrument for my father, who enjoys cultural music, and a vase for my mother. The fact that the sale helps the artisans was definitely a factor in my purchasing things at the sale and I really liked

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think aggressive appeals are the answer. This may, essentially, be a marketing question. Is the Greek system supplying what its prospective customers really want? If not, can it adapt so that it does provide what they want? I think smart product design will outsell aggressive appeals every time."

Helm believes that, "The purpose of the Greek Life Task Force and its subsequent working groups is to help the Greek System find out how to live up to its ideals more effectively. I hope, as the work of these groups goes into effect next semester, that a stronger system will be more appealing to students."

Kristina Lucarelli '08 is a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma. She said, "Well, I think it's unfortunate that money issues may be turning people away from the Greek system. There are ways around it, with scholarships and what not. I think, just from my own experiences meeting people and making all the friends I've made through Phi Sig, that it's definitely worth it."

Melissa Zampella '07, is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Zampella joined because of the "[opportunity for] friendship, meeting new friends and community service." Zampella realizes that there are some negative stereotypes about fraternities and sororities, and encourages people to "Go in with an open mind."

Logan Romm '07, the President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity said, "Joining a fraternity gives you the experience to meet and become close with a diverse group [of] people you might never had met otherwise."

Becca Ehrlich '06, is a member of

Phi Mu Sorority. "I came to campus and at first I was really anti-Greek...and then I met some people [who] were in the Greek system and I realized my stereotypes weren't true." Ehrlich added that, "It's nice to have a group of girls, since I never had a sister at home," and said that, "I didn't have many girl friends in high school."

When asked what advice she would give to people considering pledging a sorority or a fraternity, Ehrlich replies that they should "Think of the Greek system as a general idea...think of the idea of brotherhood or sisterhood and not a specific house." She specified that students should "Go through recruitment if you're even remotely interested."

When asked about the stereotypes held about the Greek system by non-members, Ehrlich was not concerned. "They're perpetuated by people who aren't Greek," she explained. "The stereotypes don't hold any water at all. A lot of the stereotypes aren't even remotely true."

Many first year students are not familiar with the Greek system. Rebecca Unger '09 admits that, "I haven't heard much about it. I don't know anyone who's in it...I do know that the fraternities get into trouble a lot, but that's all I've heard." When asked if she thought about pledging a sorority in the future, Unger replied, "I'm not planning on joining any."

Sarah Golden '09 also says that, "I haven't heard much about them. I haven't considered joining one...possibly [but] probably not. I know of people in them, but they're not close friends."

Maggie Flynn '09 has no plans of becoming a sister at the College. "When I was looking at schools, if

they had too many [sororities or fraternities], I eliminated them [from my list]." Flynn only knows one person involved in the Greek system at the College.

Anneliese Juergensen '08, is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the fraternity dedicated towards community service. "I joined...for community service...and to make friends. I like it because it has all of the nice things about a frat or a sorority, but not the stereotypical bad things about a fraternity or sorority; for example, cliquishness, binge drinking, etc." Juergensen added, "I realize not all sororities and fraternities are like this because I know people in them." When asked what sort of advice she would give to someone who is considering taking part in the Greek system, she replied, "If someone really wants to

pledge to a sorority or a fraternity, they should." She added that, "In the case of APO, I say join because it's a great thing."

Helm added that he and his wife were both members of the Greek system in college, so he understands the potential benefits for those involved. At the same time he recognizes that the Greek system may not be what every student is seeking. "The College should support student interests whether they are Greek or non-Greek," he explained.

Helm's final comment, when asked what he thinks will be the future for Greek life at the College, was that, "I hope that Muhlenberg will have one of the strongest Greek systems at any small private liberal arts college, but, as Yoda said, 'Impossible to see the future is.'"



Caroline Pottash '08 and Tina Melchionne '08 are both happy with the decision that they made to pledge sororities this year.

PHOTO BY SARA HOROWITZ

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Shower	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 17	High: 31 Low: 18	High: 38 Low: 23

OFF CAMPUS

Soldiers honored for service in Iraq

Over 60 "warrior citizens" were honored for their military service in Iraq this past weekend at the Army Reserve Center near Lehigh International Airport. The soldiers who were honored returned from Iraq in March 2004, so the Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Award Program took place almost two years later.

The ceremony was not established by the Army Reserves with the support of Congress until December 2004. It is the nation's official ceremony of thanks for the sacrifices made by soldiers, as well as their families.

The 774th Military Police Battalion was the group honored. Sixty-seven of the battalion's 123 members served in Iraq for one year, arriving shortly after the initial Operation Iraqi Freedom invasion in 2003.

High school dropout rate in Allentown decreases

The high school dropout rate for the 2004-05 school year dropped 2.3 percent from the year before. Compared to the 548 students who dropped out in the 2003-04 school year, only 452 students dropped out in the 2004-05 school year.

After the school board's education committee discussed the dropout problem with a panel of community leaders, Allentown kicked off its stay-in-school community-wide initiative in April 2004. Programs such as after school tutoring, mentoring programs like the Boys & Girls Club, Casa Guadalupe and the Lehigh County Conference of Churches have contributed to the lower dropout rate.

Superintendent Karen S. Angello said, "We've initiated an effort to harness community resources, and this shared leadership is apparently making inroads."

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Helm participates in a film about Constitution Day

By Alexander Hotz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Sept. 17, 1787, the American Constitution was ratified at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. The Constitution became the foundation for the nation's institutions and also became the basis for other constitutions around the world. In 2004, Senator Robert Byrd (D-W.VA) proposed an amendment to the Omnibus Spending Bill that called for a governmental recognition of the day on which the Constitution was signed into law. Byrd's bill, which was passed, established 'Constitution Day' as a public holiday and mandated that all public educational institutions provide educational programming to students.

Since one of the College's main purposes is to educate all of the students, President Randy Helm figured it would not only be a good idea, but also very appropriate to give back to the rest of the community. On Dec. 5, Helm participated in a film that will be shown to local students in the Lehigh Valley during next year's Constitution Day.

Helm will speak at the film's introduction and again at the conclusion.

Although the bulk of the film will be narrated by Caroline Kennedy, a prominent civil rights advocate, local leaders had been asked to voice a few words in order to help drive the message home. Local representative Charlie Dent will also be present in the movie.

The Committee for Citizen Awareness, a non-profit, non-partisan organization established in 1985, produced the movie. The Committee's aim is to educate members of local communities about democracy and encourage voter participation. On its website, the commission contends that "this videotape is designed to help viewers understand our American system of democracy and free enterprise primarily using one important indicator of our standard of living--our physical well-being and health."

Helm asserts that it is important that the College participate because, "it's another example of Muhlenberg trying to be a good citizen in the community. The purpose of the video is to help high school students understand how the Constitution works, the fundamental responsibilities of the three branches of government and their own

responsibilities as citizens in a democracy. These are all things that our community supports."

When asked what his message was, Helm responded, "I emphasized the importance of understanding how our government works, of understanding public issues, of holding elected officials accountable and of voting in national, state and local elections. I also made a pitch for Muhlenberg as a community whose members welcome the open exchange of ideas, listen respectfully to those with whom we disagree and participate actively in community service." Although he has not seen the finished copy of the film, Helm remained confident that the local firm, The Media People, would do a good job.

Furthermore, in the spirit of the the College's Theatre Department, Helm is not one to be contained by stage fright. When asked if he was interested in doing another movie, the president quipped, "I'm holding out for a small role on *Law & Order* (maybe a doorman or a jury foreman). If that works okay then I'd like to co-star with Harrison Ford in the next *Indiana Jones* movie."

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the idea."

In order for the event to be as successful as it was, a great deal of planning had to go into it, such as advertising on campus.

At the sale, there were tables set up around the room displaying all of the items, and each item was marked with what country it was from.

Eisenberg said, "The class worked on analyzing, planning, executing and controlling this event throughout the semester. The class was divided into several teams, each team being responsible for different tasks."

She said, "The teams were managed by two student leaders, Joe DiPeri '06 and David Petersen '06. The two leaders met with me weekly to discuss the project, and they also met several times with Community Service who helps execute the many details of running an event."

"One team was responsible for publicizing the event on campus, and another team was responsible for organizing information gathering at the event so we could track our results," said Eisenberg.

Petersen said "It was great working at the sale because we put a lot of hard work into it. Being able to see all the customers having a chance to purchase their goods was

very satisfying."

Petersen also commented on the sale's success. "This year we advertised more towards the community. We had about \$11,000 the first day alone, which was almost the total of previous years, so we knew the first day that it was going to be a really good sale. We coordinated with Phoebe Terrace [an assisted living home that the College routinely plans events with] so that a group of their resi-

"Being able to see all the customers having a chance to purchase their goods was very satisfying."

David Petersen '06

dents could come over. We also advertised at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and a lot of their employees came too. The sales went up because a lot of people from the community came. I think the sale has room to grow."

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College. According to Fischer, Jared Fine '06, Student Body President said, "there is not enough people going to meetings [so] that's why it was being passed."

Kate McLaughlin '06, a former member of Student Council, echoed Fine's reasoning for why the bylaws were going to be passed. She said it was a "protection-type movement for Student Council--a way to get things moving along." She did say she was "pleased with the quality of debate" at the bonfire and "hopefully the event will prove to be a step in the right direction."

Brian Galgano '08 said that even with a bonfire, there will never be 107 students at a Student Body

meeting "unless there is a concert or something." He did say that the bonfire may become "a tradition for the College" to have. Galgano also said that "Jared Fine did a good job of planning the meeting and making sure everything ran smoothly."

Fine thought the meeting was a "huge success and was pleased with the outcome" in terms of the voting. He said it showed that if people care about certain topics, those people will come out to support it. He said it was important that the students "exercised their power" in a "very positive way." Fine said he didn't want to see change in the bylaws and that the "system works, and should continue to work." According to Fine, "the event really brought Student Council together."



Students spoke out while gathered around a bonfire at this past SBA meeting.

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College changed their name to Moravian, it cost over 500,000 dollars. Gradually replacing items to show the new logo is in the College's best interest because it is not a pressing issue and it can put the money which it would have cost to implement the change immediately into something else. "We are changing the stationery over time. If we overhauled everything it would be very expensive. This way, over 18-24

months, we will replace letterhead and envelopes as the supply dwindles. We would have to re-print the letterhead anyway, so it is cost-neutral."

CMN Design was a company familiar to the College because of President Randy Helm's prior connection with then when he was at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. When they came in to look over the graphics identity program, CMN Design gave suggestions for subtle changes that would work well with the current program. The Athletic Department's Kicking Mule was already

working well so it stayed as a separate entity. However, the firm recommended adding the red ribbon look to documents.

The Muhlenberg Magazine, the annual report and various other publications in departments such as Athletics, Development, Admissions and the Wescoe School have already seen the changes.

"Around ten years ago when I came to this position at Muhlenberg, there were about 20 different brochures which were all different. When marketing Muhlenberg, it is important for whomever the recipient is, whether it is a prospective student, alumni [or] parents that they know where it is coming from, and what the message is," Bruckner said.

The College's graphics identity program stated online that "It is important for Muhlenberg College to project and maintain an image of quality, integrity and commitment to all internal and external audiences. For many individuals, their first or only contact with the College is through its publications. Therefore it is important that we maintain a general graphic consistency in the production of all future publications."

An effective identification program enables external audiences to distinguish the College from its competitors. It is vital to our recognition efforts with prospective students, alumni and development prospects."

"When looking at the logo, we want to keep it traditional and classy. It should be able to complement all departments, no matter if it is Theatre or whether it is Athletics," said Bruckner.

Gradually the College is making its graphics identity program more appealing. In the coming weeks, the College will introduce a new website that will complement its message of quality and prestige. "There is only 30 seconds to make a first impression. Many people outside of the campus view the webpage daily and it is important to show a message that is consistent with the school's beliefs and ideals," said Bruckner.



The College has been introducing the new logo, as seen here, slowly over the past few years.

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 28 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was set off in a house on Leh Street due to both food cooking on the stove and burnt popcorn.

Nov. 29 - Disorderly Conduct - A student who parked in Wal-Mart's parking lot was approached by a vehicle with two individuals in it. The vehicle blocked her car and she was unable to move until finally the vehicle drove away. She called APD to report the incident.

Nov. 29 - Fire Alarm - In Prosser Hall, the fire alarm was set off due to overcooked brownies.

Nov. 30 - Disorderly Conduct - A staff member reported being verbally harassed by a student. Authorities are still determining how to handle the situation.

Nov. 30 - Sick Student - A Resident Advisor in Walz Hall called Campus Safety to report that a student was complaining of abdominal pain. The student refused to go to the hospital, so the Health Center personnel was notified immediately.

Dec. 1 - Vandalism - In Walz Hall, someone broke the glass cover on the fire extension box, located in the hallway of the third floor.

Dec. 1 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was set off at an off-campus location due to students cooking food on the stove.

Dec. 2 - Underage Consumption - A Resident Advisor in Benfer Hall reported a party and asked for it to be broken up. When Campus Safety responded, a student was found ill and transported to the hospital.

The incident was referred to the Dean's Office.

Dec. 2 - Vandalism - In Walz Hall, someone ripped the water fountain off the wall, reattached it, then knocked it off again. Currently, there are no suspects.

Dec. 2 - Suspicious Person - At 434 N. Leh Street, three individuals were loitering outside. When Campus Safety arrived, the individuals dispersed. However, later on, one of the individuals was found and was under the influence. This person has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Dec. 2 - Underage Consumption - Three individuals were arrested in the Martin Luther Parking Lot. Brandon Shreck '08 was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and Natalie Pourro '08 and Patrick

Lewis '08 were cited for underage consumption.

Dec. 3 - Fire Alarm - The fire alarm in Walson Hall was set off due to possible marijuana smoke coming from the room above the radio station. The incident has been referred to the radio station manager and is still under investigation.

Dec. 3 - Disorderly conduct - A student came into the Campus Safety office to file a report that her ex-boyfriend, a non-student, is harassing her. She wanted nothing done at the time, only to make the officers aware of her situation.

Dec. 4 - A student living in Walz Hall reported a stolen wallet from his room. The wallet was black and included \$30 in cash, identification cards and credit cards. His door was unlocked at

the time of the theft.

Dec. 5 - Disorderly Conduct - Someone put up a sign with an inappropriate saying at the Counseling Center in the Health Center. The issue is under investigation by Campus Safety.

Dec. 5 - Theft - A male student living in MacGregor Village reported a missing Playstation and controllers. He thinks that over Thanksgiving someone was in his room, looking into his bureau drawers and under his bed. He wondered if Housekeeping was in the house, but Campus Safety has confirmed that they were not.

Dec. 6 - Theft - A large table used for the Student Body Association bonfire on Dec. 5 was missing the next morning. The value of the table is 125 dollars.

Life!

"Life is what happens to you while you're working for your future."

- Unknown

Rough for Theatre I and II: Not for the faint-hearted nor the narrow-minded

By Jackie Starnier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Theater can be about many things--amusement, remembrance, a way of questioning the world. *Rough for Theatre I and II* may not be for everyone but it is definitely a worthwhile show. It provides an amusing atmosphere in which to bring light to some interesting questions about life and why people live.

L. Jared Franzman '06, Matt DiBasio '06, K.C. Cvitanov '06 and Goran Ivanovski '06 produced Samuel Beckett's *Rough for Theatre I and II*. The show ran for three nights, though two of the performances were called open dress rehearsals because third-tier productions are only allowed one performance.

In *Rough for Theatre I*, the characters, identified as "A" and "B," are two homeless men; "A" is blind and "B" is crippled. "A" begins by playing a dilapidated violin with a bow that has no strings. "B" wheels himself in on a shopping cart with pans clanging along its side. Franzman effectively portrayed "A" by not blinking his eyes or reacting with them at all. He prepared for this role by first rehearsing with his eyes closed.

"B" asks "A," "Why don't you let yourself die?" and "A" responds, "I am not unhappy enough." In the question and answer session after the play, Beth Schachter, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance,



The cast and Beth Schachter sit and talk with the audience during the question and answer portion of the show.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNIER

said that Beckett explores why people go on. She believes one of Beckett's conclusions is that "people go on because they are not unhappy enough to change their habit of living."

Prepared by a scene change in front of the audience, *Rough for Theatre II* was performed immediately after *Rough for Theatre I*. It again explored the questions, "Why go on?" and "What is life?" DiBasio had perhaps the hardest role--he

stood completely still in front of a makeshift window for the entire play. As in *Rough for Theatre I*, the characters in *Rough for Theatre II* are only identified as "A," "B" and "C."

The stage of *Rough for Theatre II* was lit by three lights which were near each of the three characters. A light shone on "C," who stood by the window, and "A" and "B" sat at folding tables with reading lamps. "B" sits down at his table, which is across from "A's" and haphazardly

pulls papers out of his briefcase. It soon becomes clear that the men dressed in suits, "A" and "B," are deciding the fate of "C." "Let him jump," says "B." However, "A" is not convinced that suicide is the right path for "C." The papers in "B's" briefcase are about "C's" life; "A" and "B" use these documents to decide his fate.

Although the subject matter of these plays is heavy, the plays do not become melodramatic because they also have funny moments. At one point "B," who has decided that "C" should kill himself, says to "A," "May I come to you? I need animal warmth." *Rough for Theatre I and II* are tragic comedies and also absurdist theatre. Beckett wrote after World War II and, through his plays, he explored the value of life and why people go on after events like the Holocaust. To these dismal themes, he also adds humor because he believes it is the small satisfactions in life, like humor, that keep us pushing forward.

Rough for Theatre I and II may have been difficult for non-theatre students to digest because of their absurdity. However, the question and answer session at the end of the play helped everyone to better understand the material. Of Beckett, Franzman commented, "[He] is strange so it definitely draws more of a theatre crowd. We knew it wouldn't draw people who like the flashy stuff. It's intellectual theatre."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD CREATE A HOLIDAY AT MUHLENBERG, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"I would create Slip 'n Slide Day!"

- Mallory Russo '09



"I think Ice Cream Day sounds like a good holiday."

- Jacy Good '09



"What about Writing Center Day where everyone has to dress up like a pencil?"

- Bob Tarby '06 & Meg O'Donnell '06



"I would create Tour Guide Appreciation Day where everyone walks backwards."

- Melissa Falk,
Senior Associate
Director of
Admissions



"How about Ugg Day where every girl who wears Ugg boots gets beaten on the head with them."

- Brian Kirchner '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Dancing to the beat of a different drummer

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

For a few years now, the Perkulators and Soul Sound Steppers have served as the main dance performance groups on campus. But established in Fall 2004 and recognized in Spring 2005, MINT* offers college students another outlet for their creative movement.

Founders Rosalie Aponte '07, Samantha Lenore '08 and Xiomara Fernandez '08 noticed that there was not a dance group on campus that catered to their type of dance moves and distinctive skills. They wanted an organization that offered freedom of movement and expression without the requirement of formal dance training. They craved a group that offered a diversity of styles and participants and provided a kind of approach that they could relate to--primarily hip-hop.

Hence the creation of MINT*: named due to its definition of fresh and new and sporting the asterisk to add a touch of class and uniqueness. The group promotes diversity through its participants and dance styles.

First of all, it is open to all students, male and female, no matter the person's skill level. Although there are principal dancers who show mastership of the dance sequence and perfect rehearsal attendance, everyone can learn the dance. Males and females are welcome. Dyshaun Burton '06 helped choreograph one of their dances and the founders wish more males would tryout for the organization.

Second, the sixteen members are very diverse. From their cultural backgrounds to their majors, the performers unite through their love of dance and expression. The dance moves picked also reflect this diversity. Salsa, African and hip-hop dancing have been incorporated into their sequences to create a form that is unique and energetic.

On average, rehearsals are held once a week for two

hours. When a performance is coming up the members spend at least five hours a week perfecting their routine. MINT* has performed at campus events such as the Scotty Wood Tournament, Student Cabaret and Homecoming. MINT* was actually the only performance group that braved the torrential rains at the Homecoming football game--they proved their dedication to their school and art. With the support of friends and family, many of the dancers believe that that per-

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MINT* dancers display their unique costumes and signature sassy poses.

COURTESY OF XIOMARA FERNANDEZ

Book Review: *PS-I Love You* by Cecelia Ahern

By Sandy Crawford
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Most college students aren't searching for new books to read on the side during the semester. Between reading for class and other commitments, many feel that there just isn't time for reading for pleasure. However, *PS-I Love You*, is one of those books that you just need to find the time for. With the holiday break coming up, now is the time to catch up on all the good books that are out this season.

This novel, by Cecelia Ahern, is about an Irish widow, Holly, who is going through a hard period in her life. She and her husband, Gerry, had been high school sweethearts and married in their early twenties. When, Gerry, her husband of ten years dies of a brain tumor, Holly goes into shock. She turns to her family and friends for support. However, Gerry knew his death was imminent and that his absence would be hard on his beloved Holly. He wrote her a series of letters that prove to be his final gift to his wife.

Starting in March and ending in January, there is one letter per month spanning the year after he died. Each letter is to be opened on the first day of each month in order to help her deal with his death.

Throughout the novel, we watch Holly tackle tasks that Gerry presents to her. The letters show how well Gerry knew his wife; he correctly guessed that she would not completed assigned tasks by the time she read his monthly letter. These tasks include getting rid of his belongings, taking a vacation with her best friends and getting a new job. Holly follows Gerry's letters because they renew a connection that she thought she had lost with her husband. It was the last thing he did in his life and she honors it.

Between her parents, four crazy siblings and her best friends, there is seldom a dull moment. The dynamics of the characters work well together and create surprising situations in the novel. Ahern writes and describes the characters so you feel connected to them, almost like you are a part of Holly's world. Ahern

brings the characters alive and you feel as though you are experiencing the details through your own senses. It is a tale about loss, those who are left behind and how they cope after a death.

Despite the novel's sappy and mushy title, the book is very well written. I was skeptical at first due to the cutesy title and the very typical topic choice of love, but don't let that deter you from putting this book on your winter break reading list.

Its language is readable and understandable, making it an easy and quick read. Filled with Irish slang words, it gives the book a bit of spice and a little look into a world an ocean away. It's Irish perspective provides a different and intriguing point of view not seen in American literature. You won't be able to put it down and you'll want to reread it again and again.

As the first book of 22-year-old Ahern, it is definitely one you will find both witty and sentimental. It's story and characters will touch your heart and mind and leave you sighing.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings



Chicken Little

Fri. 5:00
Sat. 12:45, 2:45, 5:00
Sun. 12:45, 2:45, 5:00

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
Sat. 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00

Aeon Flux

Fri. 4:20, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:40

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Fri. 3:20, 6:45, 10:00
Sat. 3:20, 6:45, 10:00
Sun. 12:00, 3:20, 6:45

Just Friends

Fri. 7:50, 9:50
Sat. 7:50, 9:50
Sun. 7:50

Walk the Line

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 12:45, 4:00, 7:10

Rent

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:10

Syriana

Fri. 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
Sat. 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:20

Old school dating is dead

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Do you remember back in seventh grade when everybody had a boyfriend or a girlfriend? It was like a status symbol; if you had a boyfriend or girlfriend, you were cool. Even the band dorks were hooking up and holding hands down to lunch.

So what the hell happened? Why does it seem like no one wants anything to do with a significant other anymore? Since when did "boyfriend," "girlfriend" and "relationship" become dirty words that you don't dare speak in front of anyone?

It is my opinion (and please note the word opinion here, I don't want my mailbox full of hate mail) that dating is almost non-existent on this campus. If you are a student here at the College, you are in one of three situations:

1. You are single: self-explanatory. No exciting prospects on the horizon. Not committed to anyone, you spend a lot of time on Facebook and checking away messages. The

option is always there to hook up and you feel free. The word "relationship" sends shivers down your spine. You are too busy enjoying being single to think about whom you are hooking up with and how you are making them feel. But sometimes, late at night, you might get a little lonely for the feeling of another body lying next to yours, or for someone to kiss you on the forehead and tell you everything is going to be okay after a bad day. Don't get me wrong, being single is fun; you have a lot more free time and opportunities to get to know lots of interesting people on and off campus.

2. You are hooking up with someone: you two are basically "going out" except that you only see each other after a night of heavy drinking and no one knows you are together. There are lots of awkward exchanges in the General's Quarters and your classes, and again you spend a lot of time on Facebook looking at your partner's picture. You can be exclusive or not, it

depends on how the two people involved feel about that kind of commitment.

Some people see being exclusive as a hop, skip and a jump away from being in a full-blown relationship. But the truth is, being exclusive in a "friends with benefits" kind of relationship is very important for two reasons: your health and self-respect. First of all, if you are sleeping with only one person, it will greatly lower your chances of contracting a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) than if you were sleeping with many partners, even if you use protection. You also don't want to infect your partner—that's certainly a Christmas gift you do not want to give.

As far as self-respect goes, have enough respect for yourself to request exclusive hooking up, especially if sex is involved. You are not just an object and you should not let anyone treat you that way. Sex is special and you and your partner should respect that. You can be exclusive without the kind of com-

mitment it takes to have a full-fledged relationship; it's about respect for yourself and the person you are hooking up with.

3. You are in a committed relationship: you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend and you are "official." Official means having your name on their Facebook profile under "In a relationship with." You don't hook up with other people and you spend at least three out of seven nights at their place. You spend lots of time together and are often referred to as "joined at the hip."

In college, relationships move fast. One month in college is like six months out in the real world. There is no limit to how much time you can spend together or how fast you move sexually. Mom and Dad aren't upstairs in the kitchen while you grope on the basement couch. You have dorm rooms and real beds to get busy on. Be sure to maintain a separate identity besides "so-and-so's girlfriend or boyfriend." Keep up with your friends; make time to spend with them. Come up for air

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2Skinnydorks jam it up in The Red Door

By Kristina Lucarelli
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

2Skinnydorks definitely kept it intimate at The Red Door on Dec. 3rd. Despite the lack of an impressive audience, many students were not expecting the powerhouse of a show that was put on with just two guitars and a saxophone. Though people came and went, at the highest point there were about 30 people present and Jake Blazer (lead vocals) joked about the poor turnout. He said, "Maybe we should set one of the couches on fire and sing Kumbyah around it or something."

It was really unfortunate that so few people turned out to see such talented performers. Yet the band, which consisted of Blazer, Erick Penrod and Matt Corey, seemed to like the intimacy of the whole event; they were able to actively talk between songs, without it seeming forced.

The music had a modern funk beat, which was interesting, considering they didn't have a bassist. The saxophonist, Corey, really gave their sound a unique edge, and made half of the crowd get up and dance. He said that he finds a lot of inspiration in Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock and the Parliament Funkadelic. Penrod, the guitarist, said he got most of his

style and technique from jam bands, like Phish.

Blazer's voice was one of the most noticeable things about the band. He "rap sings" in a lot of their songs; some compared it to Jason Mraz. Also, he had amazing energy throughout their whole set. He was jumping and dancing around, just feeling the creative energy of their music. Either way, through their performance it's obvious these musicians obviously love what they do. Their love for music makes the show that much better to watch. Everyone who attended seemed to have an amazing time and loved the show.

Most of the time, events such as 2Skinnydorks are planned by Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) and they assist the entertainers in setting up. But MAC failed to send anyone to greet them and help them set up. These easy-going guys decided that they would just set up things on their own and relax until people started rolling in.

Other students also helped the band. Will Schmidt '08, took lighting matters into his own hands and helped create the loose, relaxing atmosphere in The Red Door.

Despite these few technical problems with the lighting and set-up, 2Skinnydorks had nothing but nice things to say about the College.



2Skinnydorks impressively jam in The Red Door to a less than impressive turnout of students.

PHOTO BY KRISTINA LUCARELLI

This is 2Skinnydorks' third time at the College and they really like that students at the College take the time to listen to their music and appreciate their creative efforts.

The members of 2Skinnydorks believe that the College is full of "good people." Hopefully, next time they're here, more people will come out to support their music and listen to their fantastic tunes.

2Skinnydorks proved to be a

band that can relate to their audience. They are not afraid to communicate with their fans and talk to them one-on-one with ease and friendliness. Approachable and ultra-cool seems to be the best terms to define these guys. 2Skinnydorks are remarkable musicians and enthusiastic entertainers who just happen to be great people who thoroughly enjoy what they are doing.

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

Good God, it's finals already and your life is over. Let's read the list, shall we? Three ten page papers, two final projects and a philosophical dissertation on the merits of Satanism in Western Europe. It sounds almost like *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, except that's a fanciful song of the horrors of upper-class fiscal decadence and, well, this is the story of your last week at college before the cherished winter break.

Taurus

Finals are eating people alive, like some kind of zombie invasion. The best way to take down any of those undead brain-suckers (final exams): aim for the Academic Behavior Code; you miss it, you're done for. Double check every question for that one elusive multiple choice answer that comes out of nowhere and bites your grade clean in half. And most importantly: your best weapon is your mind. Not a shotgun.

Gemini

There's an Aquarius in your life and she's looking to party! If you want to take full advantage of this nubile water sign while Saturn is waxing on the eighteenth, you'd better hike on over to the first-year dorms—your true love's there, but she's not waiting for long! By the way, this is a trick horoscope: your true love doesn't exist, and I'm fairly certain your cat just died. Have a nice day and buy another cat.

Cancer

Who would win in a fight? A Christmas tree or a menorah? A menorah, of course. What good is sap and needles if you're against the elemental fury of eight blazing candles of holiday retribution. Before the first round's even over, there's a smoking pile of festive ashes with Chanukah standing tall as the undisputed holiday victor. That's just something to think about this holiday season, as you slip off to celebrate.

Leo

Justice urged on my high artificer; my maker was divine authority, the highest wisdom, and the primal love, before me nothing but eternal things were made, and I endure eternally. Abandon every hope, who enter here. This is the inscription on the gates of Hell: *Dante's Inferno*, Canto III. Or rather, the inscription above the door where you'll have your first final. Enjoy!

Virgo

Yep, you're stressed Virgo. I can tell. Everyone can tell. When you start to worry, in comes the nail biting, affection-dependency and the tendency to curl up into the fetal position, whimpering for your mother. So what if you've got a ten page Human Evolution final project due at 8 a.m. tomorrow that you haven't started? It's not like it counts for thirty percent of your final.

Libra

Justice is served passionate Libra! The harlot who stole your lover has met with a fate more grisly than even the blackest devices the pit could hope to conjure. It is a time for celebration, a time for renewed bliss with that mortal which doth have such a hold upon thy heart as last eternal! Shout your love from the rooftops and mountain peaks, for it is of that which endures all—wait she cheated on you? AGAIN? OMG!

Scorpio

Times have been a little rough on you, haven't they, Scorpio? Why? Well isn't it glaringly obvious? You're a pushover, and it just doesn't make sense. I mean, your sign is a freaking SCORPION—it's got claws, armor and a venomous stinger! Would you walk all over a scorpion? Not if you wanted to prevent your foot from being lost in a gangrenous and potentially fatal poison-infection! So be more like a scorpion!

Sagittarius

All your friends are in a tizzy attempting to complete their massive papers, study for their grueling finals and maintain some resemblance of health in the frigid weather. But not you, Sagittarius. You're already done with all your work for the semester and it's just sitting in neat little piles waiting to be handed in. Inside your brain is a complete map of every single detail on your courses, waiting to be pounded out in essay form.

Capricorn

The freshman fifteen have hit you like a sack of cellulite bricks, oh voluminous one, and you're starting to worry about your physical attractiveness. I'm here to let you know that it's what's on the inside that counts and your insides are beautiful. I'm serious—your kidneys are in perfect condition and that heart of yours beats like a pro. Don't get me started on your liver—it's top-notch. You should be proud.

Aquarius

I was supposed to convey the message from beyond the veils of time, that you're going to meet with a horrible fate this week. But, you know something? I'm in too good a mood. So, I've set about trying to change your future from apocalypse to sheer utopia. But the future is what you make it. And, well, you've made your future kind of suck. Might want to board up your windows.

Pisces

Holy cow, man! There are giant dinosaurs on their way to our humble liberal arts college right now! Dude, they're like sixty hundred feet tall and their teeth are like freaking knives! Isn't that insane? I totally heard they were going to eat the Shankweiler additions. These dinos are totally conservative. They hate change cause change wiped them out. Evolution, man.

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formance was their best because they overcame a huge obstacle set before them.

The group has faced other challenges as well. From learning two different routines per semester to facing the difficulty of being taken seriously by the college and campus, MINT* has come through to prove their distinct dance and perform-

ance style that makes them unique from other dance groups. With the help of choreographers, music mixers and the support of friends, family and dedicated members, MINT* has created a spot for themselves on campus.

They are holding auditions next semester and hoping to perform during basketball halftime shows. Look for MINT* around campus and get ready to be caught up in their attitude-filled moves and hot beat.



Xiomara Fernandez '07, Sammy Lenore '07 and Rosalie Aponte '06 are the founding members of MINT*.

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once and a while.

There are probably more people in cases one and two on this campus than in case three. There is no real "dating" here at the College. Guys don't ask girls out to dinner and a movie. If you are lucky, he'll take you to the General's Quarters and swipe for you after watching *Old School* and making out for two hours. Now that's romance.

I mean, honestly, how many guys can admit to doing something like this and how many girls admit to experiencing it? It's not all the guy's fault, but I think you men need to realize that every girl on this campus is not interested in a relationship. She might just be trying to get

her piece. Don't discriminate or be rude to a girl just because you are afraid she will want a relationship with you. Don't flatter yourself. We, girls, enjoy being single as much as you boys do.

However, don't force the issue of a relationship out of your head. There are some wonderful people on this campus that you could really get to know and like, maybe even love. But you have to make yourself open to these people and not push away every guy or girl who calls you for a second hang out session.

Take the time to get to know someone for who they are as a person, not as just another individual trying to steal away your precious singledom. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Powerhouse player inside and out

Mule Profile--Jeff Stewart

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Junior center Jeff Stewart looks to build on an already impressive resume with the Mules' basketball team this season. At 4-1, the team is off to their most solid start in nine years. The team hopes to establish themselves in the Centennial Conference with a strong core of returning players.

"So far this year looks different because we have players who can shoot on the outside and a good supporting cast to help out the inside shooters," said Stewart.

Originally from George School in Croydon, Pa., the 6'6" Stewart was a two-sport athlete, playing both baseball and basketball. He captained both teams his senior year. Stewart was

also named first-team All-Conference and first-team All-Area for basketball.

When he arrived at the College, Stewart established himself as not only a starter on the Mule squad, but also as one of the top players in the Centennial Conference.

The Conference's second-leading rebounder with 7.9 rebounds per game, Stewart finished in the top six in the league in scoring, shooting and shot-blocking. Stewart also tallied seven double-doubles and 30 or more points twice. Stewart is known to hit the occasional three-pointer, which he did in the second half of the game against Johns Hopkins University last Saturday.

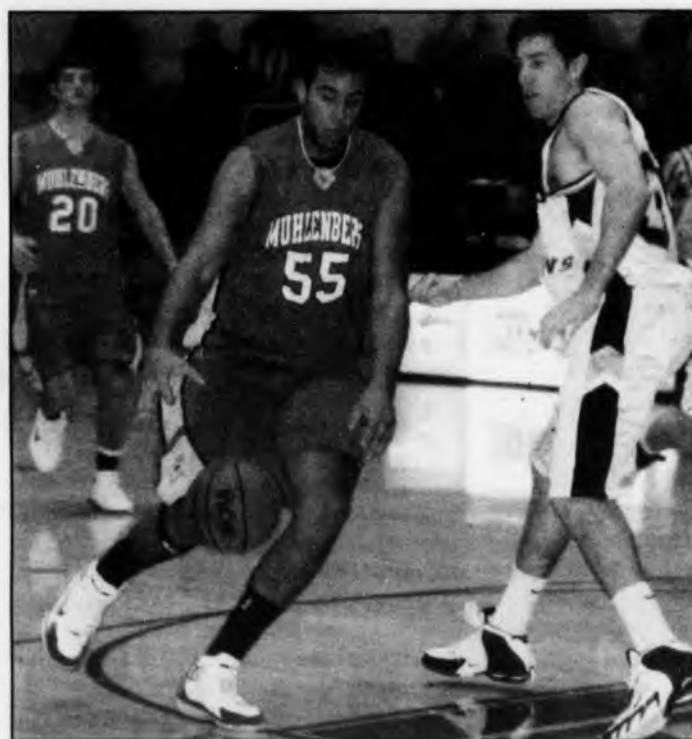
At the conclusion of his first year at the College, he had scored the second-most points ever by a Mule freshman, with 396 points.

As a sophomore, Stewart raised the bar again. He led the Centennial Conference in rebounding (10.1 per game), blocked shots (56), was third in scoring (19.4 points per game) and seventh in field-goal percentage (.529).

Stewart also became the first athlete at the College to average a double-double since 1988 and he set a Centennial Conference record with 16 double-doubles in 25 games. He scored in double figures 24 times, including 15 games of 20 points or more. Stewart finished the season with second-team All-Conference and third-team All-Middle Atlantic Region honors. Stewart had 489 points, the fourth-best single season total in College history.

As a junior, Stewart has two seasons left at the College. Stewart, a History major with a concentration in education, said he will draw on the same inspiration that has driven him up to this point in his life.

Stewart's personal goal for the season was to score 1,000 points. The eleven points needed to meet this goal for the season were scored by Stewart on the Dec. 6 game against Swarthmore College. The final point was scored in the second half of the game. Jimmy O'Brien passed the



Stewart dribbles down the court en route to the 1,000 point mark of his season.

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ball and Stewart took a jump shot and made it in.

In addition to personal goals, Stewart had team goals for the season. "Our team goal this season is to win the Conference. We need to play strong team defense, rebound well, and be effective on the perimeter."

Stewart states that throughout his experiences in his basketball career; his

father has remained a key player. "My dad influenced me a lot in my career. He comes to all of the games and has worked really hard for me his whole life. I owe a lot of my success to him," said Stewart. For this year, Stewart thinks the outlook is promising. "We lost our first Conference game by three points, but we learned from that game. We're ready to have a great season."

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Hockey dominates first annual Centennial Cup tournament

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

On Dec. 3 and 4, the Mules hosted the first annual Centennial Cup tournament and took the championship in a decisive fashion, finishing with a record of 4-1 and defeating Franklin and Marshall College 6-2 in the championship game. This was quite the turnaround from their 1-4 overall record before this weekend.

In the round-robin tournament, a win scored two points, a tie scored one and a loss gained nothing. Gettysburg College, Johns Hopkins University, Franklin and Marshall College and Washington College (MD.) participated in the tournament. The Mules took the ice on

Saturday against Gettysburg College for the 1:30 p.m. game. They won in a close match, 4-3.

At the 6:45 p.m. game, the Mules beat Johns Hopkins, 6-2.

On Sunday, however, the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats controlled the game, defeating the Mules, 6-4.

However, the Mules' chances weren't over yet. Franklin and Marshall's tie on Saturday with Johns Hopkins allowed their point total to be five and the Mules' point total after the loss to Franklin and Marshall was four.

The Mules needed to beat Washington and Franklin and Marshall needed to win their respective game for the

two to meet again in the finals. Both teams won their games, which gave Franklin and Marshall a one-point advantage going into the championship.

"Going into Washington, we knew we had to win," said Junior Lee Sheehan,

who scored his first goal of the season during that game. "We

knew we weren't as strong a team [as Washington], but we still had to beat them to go to the finals. Winning that game gave us the momentum we needed to do well in the championship."

In the 5:45 p.m. championship round, the Mules faced the Diplomats for the second time that day with the championship crown at

stake. The Mules dominated the ice from start to finish. They took control the moment they scored the first goal.

"The first goal is the most important," said Sheehan. "It gives the team that scored momentum."

The Mules won the match, 6-2. They finished with a 4-1-0 record while the Diplomats finished 3-1-1.

Sophomore forward Jarrett Haring scored twice in the game while sophomore forward Brian Veltkamp added another. Senior goalie Brandon Zanan played a solid game in the net. He currently holds a 83.5 save percentage.

"Winning the tournament was a huge boost for the team," said Sheehan. "We

had a lot of fun and worked extremely hard to get to this point. We knew we deserved it and it was really motivational for us. It has brought us closer together. In addition to their own personal merits, the Mules also gave credit and recognition to their fans for their support throughout the tournament and especially at the championship round. "We had a great fan showing," said Sheehan. "They were our sixth man. Their encouragement strengthened our performance."

The Mules' next game is Friday at The College of New Jersey at 9:45 p.m. in Ewing, N.J. There is a home game on Saturday versus LaSalle University at 7 p.m. This is the Mules' last game before Winter Break.

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going into the final minutes of the game. Moravian was forced to commit several fouls, sending the Mules to the line. They sealed the game, hitting seven free throws. The College left the court with an 82-75 win over Moravian.

"It was a great win for the team," said Bernardini. "We worked really hard and pulled it out in the end."

Junior Jeff Stewart led the Mules with a season-high 21 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks. Stewart's 16 rebounds during the game tied a career-high which he set against Franklin and Marshall College as a freshman.

Bernardini finished the game with a career-high 19 points, including three straight three-pointers at the end of the game.

"I felt really good shooting," said Bernardini, "and the team gives me the confidence I need day in and day out. It just all paid off today."

Junior point guard Chris Strachan had career highs of nine points, six assists and four steals while Scott and Junior Chris Huber

both finished with double figures.

Once again on the road, the Mules traveled to Baltimore, MD., on Saturday afternoon to face the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays. The Mules had trouble shooting in the first half, but the Blue Jays shot 68 percent in the first half, which gave them a 14-point lead going into halftime. The Mules came out after the half with a promising performance, but it wasn't enough to overcome the lead the Blue Jays gained early in the game. Hopkins won 69-56.

Stewart led the Mules with 25 points, putting him only 11 points away from reaching the 1,000 mark.

"It was a goal I set for myself when I came here because I never reached 1,000 in high school," said Stewart.

Stewart reached his goal during the Dec. 6 game against Dickinson College in the second half of the game. After receiving a bounce pass from Jimmy O'Brien, Stewart made the goal that broke 1,000 points on a jump shot. The Mules' next game is on Saturday against Washington College (MD.)



Senior Jimmy O'Brien blocks a layup from opponents while playing on the defensive line.

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Mules place sixth at the Petrofes Invitational

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, Dec. 2 and 3, the Mules competed in the Petrofes Invitational which was hosted by Messiah College.

WRESTLING

After the two days of competition, the Mules finished in sixth place against several nationally-ranked teams. Brockport State University (ranked second in the nation) took first, Springfield College (ranked fifth) placed second, Heidelberg College was in third place, Messiah placed fourth and Oneonta State College took fifth. Oneonta was 54.5 points ahead of the College. The Mules ended with five wrestlers who placed at or placed better than eighth in their individual weight classes.

Senior co-Captain Dale Mills, at 157 pounds, went 3-1 and ended up taking second place.

Mills ended his first match in 5:11, winning with a technical fall. Mills took his next two matches by decisions. One match was against a Springfield

wrestler who was ranked fifth in Division III upon entering the tournament.

Mills' only loss was in a final match that ended 5-4 against a Heidelberg wrestler.

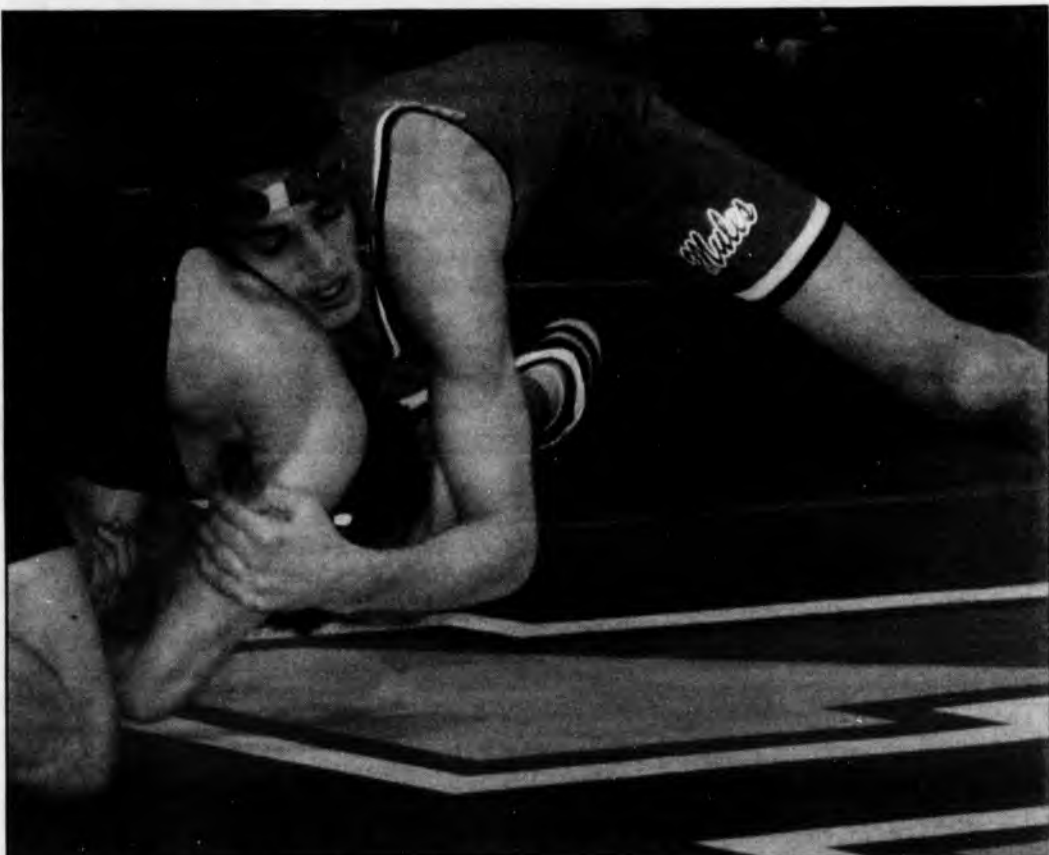
Out of all three tournaments, this was Mills' third time in the finals.

In the 133-pound class, Freshman Billy Hall went 6-1. He won with three pins, two decisions and a forfeit. He was awarded third place after winning 6-4 against an Oneonta wrestler.

Sophomore Joe Decampo, at 149 pounds, finished in fourth place. He finished the two days of wrestling at 3-2, winning by decision three times but losing his consolation match 12-3.

Senior co-Captain Chris Gibson finished 4-2 and took seventh place in the 165 pound weight class. The four bouts were won by a pin, a decision and two injury forfeits, including his final match.

At 184 pounds, Freshman Mark Wiseman went 3-2. He won with two pins and took seventh place with a decision of 8-1 in the last



Freshman Billy Hall holds off his opponent to go 6-1 at last week's tournament, the Petrofes Invitational.

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match he participated in.

The team's sixth place finish tied their best finish at this Invitational in the last twelve years. "Placing

sixth in the tournament and having five Petrofes All-Americans says that we are ready for competition," said Mills.

The Mules' next match is The Williams' Invitational, which will take place on Jan. 7 in Williamstown, Mass.



Sophomore Abra Like charges down the court to score some points.

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do so. We need to remember to keep up our running offense and rebounding. This loss was not a sign that we were defeated in talent, rather, it was simply a defeat of ourselves."

Sentiments about the outcome of the game against the Blue Jays were universal among team members. "The first half of our game against Johns Hopkins was played very strongly," said Senior co-Captain Stephanie Coluccini. "What we need to work on is finishing the end of the first half strong and really making us a better second half team. We have such great potential and really have become a 100 percent stronger and better team on defense then we were at this point last year."

"It is anyone's [Conference] title this year," Coluccini said. "We seem to have great potential. We have yet to hit our peak as a whole team."

Before this loss, the Mules took control of the DeSales University women's team last Monday when they won 59-50. This win marked the first time in four years that the women beat DeSales and the fourth out of the last five seasons that the Mules started with a perfect record in the first four games.

Boyle came through once again, scoring a game-high 13 points and grabbing three steals while fellow Freshman Bethany Enterline scored a career-high ten points in only 13 minutes of playing time.

While the College had controlled most of the game, a late run by DeSales pulled them to within three points with under two minutes to play. However, four free throws each from Boyle and Smith sealed the win.

After the two games, the Mules' record became 4-1 overall and 1-1 within the Conference. The Mules' next two games are on Thursday against Drew University in N.J. at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at Washington College (MD.)

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Mules have best start in nine years

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Facing three consecutive away games, the Mules' schedule this past week proved to be quite challenging for the squad. After three consecutive wins at home, the Mules had a chance to improve their record to 4-0 with a win at Haverford College. This would be the first time in nine years that this has been accomplished.

The game marked the start of Centennial Conference play for both teams. In a very close game, neither team lead by more than six points. With seven minutes left in the game, Junior Justin Fields and Freshman Mike Bernardini fueled a 9-0 run that put the Mules up by five points.

With 25 seconds remaining, Junior Tom Scott tied the game. However, Haverford's Junior Johnny Elefterakis spoiled the Mules' comeback, hitting a long three-pointer with 3.9 seconds left on the clock. Scott could only shoot

an off-balance three-pointer that missed at the final buzzer, giving Haverford a 66-63 victory over the Mules.

Senior Jimmy O'Brien led the way for the Mules with 13 points and seven rebounds while Tom Scott added 12 points.

Thursday proved more promising for the Mules. In a local showdown with Moravian College, 11 baskets from the three-point range gave the Mules the edge. The battle between the rivals had 14 lead changes, six of which happened in the last six minutes of the game.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules led by only one point at halftime, but they came out firing in the second half. With 11 minutes remaining in the game, they gained a ten-point lead. Moravian fought back and eventually gained a one-point lead with a little over four minutes to play.

Freshman Mike Bernardini then hit three consecutive three-pointers, giving the Mules the advantage



Senior Chris Strachan dribbles down the court to lead an offensive charge.

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Blue Jays fly over Mules in close contest



Senior Kristen Piscaldo charges down the court away from opponents.

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By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules have never won a game at Johns Hopkins University. Despite numerous attempts and a close score, the Mules keep falling short of their goal to defeat Hopkins.

The Mules again failed to defeat the Blue Jays this past Saturday. They jumped out to a 32-25 halftime lead. Junior Meghan Courtney had 13 points, which came from her five field goals (out of ten) and three foul shots (out of four). Courtney also had seven rebounds five of which came from the offensive boards.

Although the Mules played well in the first half of the game, the Blue Jays gained the lead after halftime. Hopkins used an 11-2 run to take its first lead of the game, 44-42, at the 11-minute mark. The Blue Jays outscored the College 49-31 in the second half. Hopkins hit 21 of 27 sec-

ond-half free throws and shot 50 percent from the field to leave the floor with a final score of 74-63.

The Mules did not shoot well in this game. They shot just 34 percent from the field, 7.7 percent from behind the arc and 69 percent from the free-throw line. Courtney finished up the game with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Freshman Lauren Boyle had ten points on 4-11 shooting from the field.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

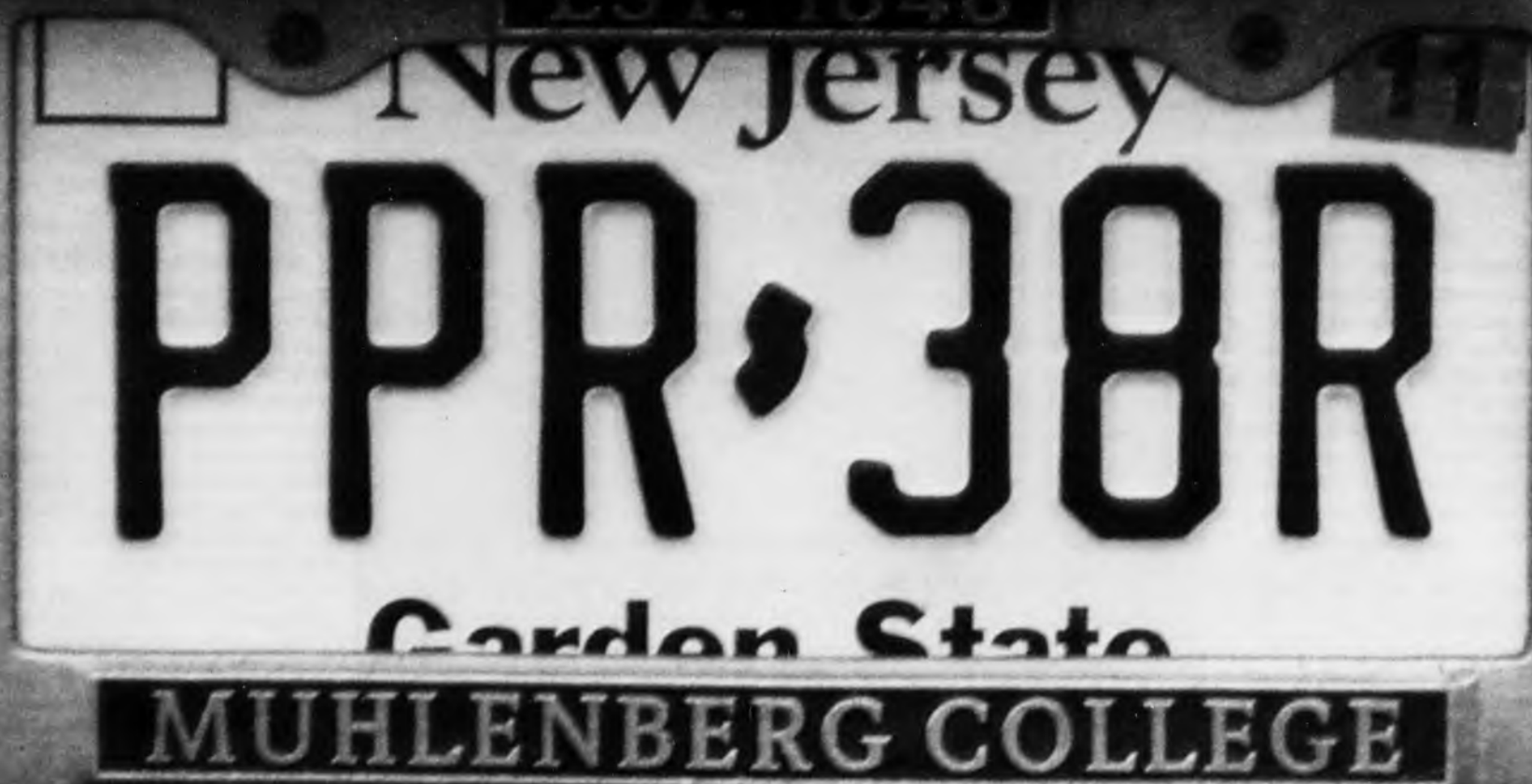
Seniors Lacie Smith and Kristen Piscadlo both contributed eight points a piece. Smith and Piscadlo contributed nine and five rebounds, respectively.

Despite the loss against the Johns Hopkins, Senior Michelle Hirst maintains a positive outlook when referring to future games. "When looking toward the future, I have very high confidence that we will come out on top because we have the potential to

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER



Stereotypes in a College Setting

The psychology of stereotyping

By Stacy Romascavage
Asst. Focus Editor

Stereotypes occur when generalities are made about certain groups or categories of people or objects. The social learning theory is responsible for explaining how stereotypes are formed. People learn stereotypes from their parents. The cognitive psychology on the categorization process gives insight as to how stereotypes are formed by children.

This cognitive psychology states that when children are given a lot of things to remember, they generalize the group in order to remember it effortlessly. Children listen to the generalities that their parents make and they apply them when they age.

At a young age, children's brains absorb a vast amount of information that they hear from other people and from the media. The more people associate or involve themselves with others, the more they begin to absorb and apply their newly gathered opinions.

Conformity also leads to the creation of stereotypes. When there is a large group of people who share the same qualities and characteristics, stereotypes will be formulated easily because there are a lot of members in that particular group. When people see several members of that group everyday, the stereotypes become more concrete and evident.

Stereotypes are used because they are an easy way to decipher and recognize people. If people hear certain words, they might already know who or what is being described. However, there are some stereotypes that are worse than others. These stereotypes highlight the bad characteristics of people. People do not like to be called these terms because they are offensive. These terms are well known to other groups of people.

People do not want to remember detailed and complex words because they might forget them. Instead, those detailed and complex words are substituted with simple terms. People would rather remember 'smart' than 'intellectual'.

The coined stereotypes are not definite descriptions of groups of people and objects. Stereotypes have the potential to be inappropriate. They can be inappropriate because some give the wrong impression of people. Stereotypes are oversimplified terms, so therefore they do not apply to every single person in a group. People unfairly labeled will normally be upset because that stereotype is

giving a false image of them.

In a way, the stereotype is responsible for falsifying a person's true identity. If people already have assumptions about a person, then it is possible that they will not make the effort to truly get to know that person. Stereotypes are difficult to change or erase completely. People tend not to forget simple ways to remember other people.

In order to erase a stereotype, a group of people might either have to try and get an entirely new image or the members might need to disassociate themselves from that group. People might not want to visit places that have horrible stereotypes because they often provide false impressions. In order to change the stereotype, it is best for people to visit that place.

Stereotypes exist for every group or category of person. These descriptions can have good or bad connotations, it just depends what context they are used. In order to see if a stereotype is true, it is best to truly get to know people and places.

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Promoting diversity in the College

By Chris Hooker-Haring
Dean of Admissions and
Financial Aid

While Muhlenberg enjoys an unusual degree of religious diversity (34 percent of our students are Catholic, 28 percent Jewish, eight percent Lutheran, etc.), ethnic diversity has been a larger challenge. Still, progress has been made on this front as well.

As recently as 1985, only 2.2 percent of Muhlenberg's student body was made up of multicultural students. Today that percentage has risen to 7.2 percent. The raw number of students of color is up from 34 to 155 in the same time period. Progress has been made, but much remains to be done—and the College is working hard to effect additional progress.

On the admissions front, we work closely with organizations that can be helpful in directing talented multicultural students to Muhlenberg. In recent years, we have hosted visiting groups from Aspira, Prep for Prep, Philadelphia Futures, CHAMP and the TEAK Foundation.

We also visit those organizations as part of our recruitment travel. Especially encouraging has been the progress made in our relationship with Prep for Prep. As recent-

ly as four or five years ago, we received a small trickle of applications from Prep for Prep students. Today that is a relationship that is bearing real fruit and has the potential to grow further. Our recruitment travel has been structured to include visits to urban schools in Boston, Mass., New York, N.Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md. and Washington, D.C..

What's more, we are asking the question "Where do your talented multicultural students go to college?" at all of the schools we visit each year.

We also advertise in the Multicultural Edition of *Private Colleges & Universities* magazine in an effort to attract more multicultural students into the admissions funnel. Diversity is not just a student issue; it is also an issue of faculty, staff, curriculum and campus culture.

Muhlenberg remains committed to efforts to insure that talented candidates of color are included in faculty and staff searches. The College has just put together a task force made up of students, faculty and staff to examine the possibility of a Multicultural Center on campus as a place through which to focus programming for multicultural students, much as Hillel does for Jewish students.

The College also has expanded curricular offerings aimed at studying and appreciating multicultural contributions to literature, music, dance, history and more in recent years.

While ethnic diversity is the most "visible" type of diversity, the word encompasses much more: Socioeconomic and class diversity, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity, diversity of thought in politics and many other areas are among the other kinds of diversity that colleges need to be aware of and sensitive to. On all of these fronts progress has been made at Muhlenberg, but we have miles to go before we sleep.

For all that has been done and is being done, much more remains to be accomplished. Diversity is not a destination at which one "arrives." It is a journey that broadens in meaning and complexity the farther down the path one travels. Just as the Muhlenberg of 1985 was not the Muhlenberg of today, so today's Muhlenberg will evolve again over the coming decades. All of us share a responsibility to work collaboratively to extend that evolution so that every year diversity in all of its facets is a goal the College comes closer to achieving, appreciating and celebrating.

Stereotypical views of students who major in the following at Muhlenberg:

Biology/Pre-Med: hard-working, studious, drained, heavy course-load, don't really socialize outside their science-cliques

Communication: techno-savvy, pop culture enthusiasts, into public relations, people who don't know what they want to major in

Philosophy: thoughtful, open-minded, deep thinkers, people who ask too many questions and are never satisfied with an answer

Political Science: informed, ambitious, opinionated, dreaming of becoming the next president

Business: goal-oriented, power-hungry, organized, determined, want to earn money

Psychology: inquisitive, curious, tired of helping people all the time, experimenters, persistent people who like to be in control of others

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25 STUDENTS, 15 FEMALE 10 MALE, ALL YEARS

Four students reflect on college stereotypes

How has attending a college that is viewed as primarily white, heterosexual, liberal and northeastern affected you?

By Erin McGroarty
Asst. Life! Editor

I thought I had prepared myself when I made the trek from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania for school. Muhlenberg is known to be the typical white, northeastern, liberal school. I'd love to say that my experiences here have shown me otherwise, but as most students know, it are true. For me the biggest adjustment has been the change from a midwest society to an east coast society--not the school's stereotypes.

Though it's hard to explain, I try and break it down to the fact that people relate to each other differently in each area--in a sense it's the larger stereotypes of each area. In the Midwest, I am used to being more relaxed and easy-going in all of my activities and interactions with people. Here in the East I've found it can be a bit harder to relax sometimes because of the fast-paced lifestyle which is something that is very different from what I am used to.

Another difference is in how people relate to each other. There is a difference in the friendliness and how it is expressed in the Midwest versus the East coast. Though there is the same openness in both areas, it seems the Midwesterners see personal boundaries and personal space differently than people here in the East Coast. Though I've loved living in both areas, I think I've become a more reserved person because of living out here. As far as my experiences in both places go, both lived up to the ideal.

I think stereotypes are stereotypes for a reason. As much as we would like to deny them, they exist for a reason and we do use them. Though there are many exceptions to the rule (and I have experienced those too), for the most part I would say that Muhlenberg and the East Coast in general have lived up to everything they were stereotypically supposed to be.



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By Aaron Solomon
Asst. Focus Editor

Muhlenberg, like many other colleges, is viewed as a "liberal" school. I would argue that this is not entirely true. While the faculty could be described as liberal, I feel that the Student Body is much more politically diverse. The College is comprised of students from many different political perspectives ranging from the far left to the far right. The college has a club for Republicans, a club for Democrats and even a club for Libertarians. Personally, while I am impressed at the array of groups available, I do not belong to any of them.

If I had to place myself in this spectrum, I would be in the middle. Personally, I am a registered Republican, but to automatically label me a conservative just because I'm a member of the Republican Party is inappropriate. When it comes to certain political issues, such as taxes, I do agree with the Republican platform, yet I am also pro-environment and pro-choice. People say to me "how can you be a Republican and still be pro-choice?" The answer for me and many other people in my situation is that identifying with a political party or as a "liberal" or a "conservative" does not hinge on one's opinion of one particular political issue.

Ultimately, I do not feel like my political identity causes me to feel like a stranger in a foreign land. I find that at Muhlenberg, there are many people who share my opinions on issues and there are some who do not. People at the College are able to debate political issues such as the war in Iraq, abortion or the presidential election in a free and intellectually stimulating manner. Through this kind of interaction, students are able to learn from each other. And that is the most important aspect of any political community.



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By Genevieve Cheng
Class of 2006

From the outside, Muhlenberg seems like every other New Jersey suburban neighborhood or liberal arts college: a community of people who act the same, dress the same, think the same and are exactly the same in every other respect. However, when finely examining the culture within the College Community, it strikes me that we are much more diverse than we are given credit for.

I would be lying if I said that Muhlenberg didn't suffer from a diversity problem because it is evident that there is a lack of cultural, regional and political diversity within the college. Muhlenberg definitely needs a dose of more ethnic minorities, students from states outside the tri-state and New England regions (perhaps from the west coast), and students from other countries.

As a conservative Asian-American, I would love to have been able to meet and converse with more racial minorities at Muhlenberg and dare I say, more conservatives, but I also believe that we are a diverse community full of artists, scientists, musicians, future lawyers, thespians and so forth, making us the quintessential successful liberal arts school.

I sometimes wish that there were more people with whom I could identify, but there are also many times when I am glad that I go to a school where the vast majority of students is different from me.

Although I feel that we need a good splash of color and a dose of accents to improve the image and the diversity of our school, I am essentially not affected in a personal way by the perceptions that Muhlenberg is a Stepford-like community because I feel we achieve a delicate balance of diversity within the student body despite the stereotype that is imprinted upon us.



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By Adrian Shankner
Class of 2009

What does it mean to go to a heterosexual school? I wouldn't know, because I don't go to one. I go to a school where, as a gay male, I fit into the spectrum perfectly. Blatant homophobia is not a problem on Muhlenberg's campus. The problem that does exist stretches further than the boundaries of Chew Street. This problem emanates into all levels of government and therefore drastically affects the livelihood of queer students everywhere. This problem is commonly known as assumed heterosexuality. Assumed heterosexuality means exactly what it sounds like: it is the implicit idea that people are "straight until proven gay." These attitudes are more catastrophic to the gay community than any law barring gay marriage and they are more fatal than any hate crime.

So, Americans make assumptions all the time...why is assuming someone to be heterosexual dangerous? The assumption of heterosexuality concludes that heterosexuals are on some level superior to gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The assumption of heterosexuality should therefore be more demoralizing to non-heterosexuals than blatant discrimination. It is not yet considered inappropriate by American societal standards to assume that people are "straight until proven gay."

There is only one remedy to cure the disease of assumed heterosexuality. Queer Activism is the sole means of raising awareness of issues that face gays. The single most important thing that students at Muhlenberg can do to prevent ignorance and assumed heterosexuality is for closeted students to come out. Society needs more people to come out as openly queer and help prove the normality of sexual diversity and the wrongs of assumed heterosexuality. Queer activism is an imperative to the end of de facto discrimination against non-heterosexuals.



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Entering a strange new world: Stereotypes of college life versus reality

By Jessica Morreale
Asst. Sports Editor

I clearly remember the day I received my notification of my acceptance to Muhlenberg College. The letter arrived in a cream-colored envelope on an icy November day. I tore the letter open in a frenzy, scanned over the words and screeched like a pterodactyl, "Mom! I was accepted to Muhlenberg!"

The next few months were filled with a build-up of expectations about what college would be like. I pictured myself surrounded by friends (who I would instantly make and whose friendship would last a lifetime), lounging in a dorm room filled with cliché decorations such as posters of movie stars and Muhlenberg paraphernalia and being swamped with invitations to parties, restaurants and sporting events. In retrospect, clubs and classes did not fit into my schema of what "college" would encumber.

Naturally, such regimented expectations could only be met with disappointment. At June Advising I met several of my soon-to-be classmates and was able to ignore the feelings of anxiety that I experienced because I knew that the safety net of familiarity was standing behind me in the form of my parents.

In August, I was surprised to find that once the adrenaline level in my blood that had built up from move-in had adjusted itself from the level of an elephant to that of an 18-year-old girl, I did not feel like the chic college student I had expected to be. Instead, I felt disillusioned, scared and lonely.

As the weeks progressed, I began to adjust to college life. Over the course of my freshman year, I learned that the first friendships you make are not necessarily the ones that will last the

longest, and that parties did not fall at your feet; if they did, they were not necessarily the fun and wild time I had expected them to be. Most importantly, I discovered an aspect of college that transcended social logistics: academics.

Time management proved to be more difficult than I expected, as did the so-called "introductory classes." Fortunately, I began to take advantage of one of the aspects of Muhlenberg that drew me to it in the first place: the accessibility of the professors.

I began to learn my own habits, likes and dislikes, and so began my transformation from a high school to a college student.

Sophomore year was a period of continued transition. My peers and I were faced with decisions we had not encountered previously: whether or not to join a fraternity or sorority and what subject to choose as our major.

I scrambled to find my place both socially and academically, and the obstacles and challenges I encountered slowly became less daunting. I began to understand and act upon the fact that friends and activities were not going to throw themselves at my feet. I declared a major and continued my process of social networking by joining different clubs and organizations that catered to my interests.

As a junior, I feel that I have finally found my place at college. I have found a balance between schoolwork and socialization, and experience has taught me that going to parties is not the only way to have fun on weekends.

I have also learned that although building friendships is an important aspect of college life, "lifelong friends" are not necessarily made in one or two years, let alone during the first semester of college. I began to appreciate aspects of the College that I had not even thought of in high school, such as the interdisciplinary nature of



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the classes.

I found that I could be sitting in a biology lecture and discuss a topic that was later talked about in an English class. My newly discovered interests taught me something else about myself: I had experienced great personal growth during the few years I had spent at college.

Like other college students, I continue to experience moments of frustration, loneliness and doubt about my future. I have learned, however, that these feelings are a normal part of the college experience. The individuality and unpredictability of each day encompasses new challenges of time management, decision-making and most of all, flexibility.

Although college has not turned out to be the stereotypical mold I predicted, it has risen above and beyond my expectations in the sense that I am beginning to understand who I am, which is a concept that my younger mind could not fathom. College has allowed me to become the pilot of my own personal journey to adulthood and, although it has been a bumpy ride at times, it is definitely not over yet.

Blue States and White Flags: Rethinking political identity

By Liliana Andreano
Class of 2006

The word "college" conjures up images of harried students lugging around copies of Plato's *Republic*, bemoaning "The Man" and using their youthful spirit to rally against social injustice. As proud as I am of Muhlenberg College, creatures like these are an endangered species here--tomes get replaced with tabloids, accessorized with Starbucks' Grande-Mocha-Cappuccino-with-Soy-Please-I-Hate-Milk; questions of social justice are as popular as Ashlee Simpson post-*Saturday Night Live*.

American academia has a warped perception of political identity--we assume it simply means voting. True, the Muhlenberg Student Body voted Democratic in 2004. But how else have we exercised our political rights? How else have we proven our political identities? Many people suggested that in writing this

piece, I replace the stereotype that our college is liberal with the another blanket statement--namely, that our college is: attended by upper-middle class American youth who criticize George W. Bush while hopping in Hummers, who decry the control of multi-national corporations while chicly swathing ourselves in Burberry (or perhaps more ironically, fake Burberry) and who discuss how pathetic mainstream music has become while pirating all our favorite indie-rock music (channeled to us courtesy of *The OC*) on the Internet. Those people raise valid arguments. Can you truly call yourself a liberal if your car produces more smoke than the White House press gaggles? Can you get into that same car and whine--maybe even with sincerity--that we engage in wars for oil? Can you lament conservative business practices when you buy your clothes at The Gap? Many political historians say we live in a "checkbox democracy," where people participate in

society to the extent that they exercise consumer choice. In other words, the act of purchase in our commercial world is a uniquely political deed. If it's true that we've been "voting" between WalMart and the Farmer's Market, then Muhlenberg College as a microcosm has voted conservative.

I am not interested in pigeonholing us. The above line of thinking raises some serious ethical issues that should be considered, but does not wholly reflect our political intentions. I have a different response to the question of political stereotyping: Given all the factors, I think our campus--like many across the nation--is lacking a political identity in its entirety. We're not liberal or conservative, and taking part in one election has not proven anything. Politics are defined not only by opinion but by action, and there are precious few examples of any such hullabaloo at the 'Berg. The Darfur Benefit and 10,000 Villages are two brilliant

models of action--i.e., using a specific social or political problem as a platform for awareness and change. But, mostly, when I look around I see apathy. We care more about being witty than being thoughtful and we recognize the incongruities of our existence without reconciling them. How many students have green recycling bins in their rooms, despite the best efforts of EnAct? How many passed out flyers when our government disregarded medical recommendations to make Plan B over-the-counter? Or wrote to the FDA about it during the 60-day comment period allotted to us as citizens? How many of us actually take our political beliefs and do something--anything--with them other than complain? Newsflash, Muhlenberg: you are brilliant, and your resources--youth, affluence, education--could make you unstoppable. In the end, our listlessness speaks volumes and it's time we stop being spectators to the world's injustice.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006

The College celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

By Liz Faughnan and Amanda Glassman
WEEKLY NEWS WRITERS

With at least three-fourths of the chapel filled, staff and students alike came together to remember two civil rights activists, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration that took place in the chapel presented the traditional teachings of King in a newer, updated fashion.

The night started out with an opening prayer led by Chaplain Peter Bredlau, who co-sponsored of the event with the Office of Multicultural Life. Following the prayer, there was a viewing of the music video "Where is the Love" by The Black-Eyed Peas and a spruced up version of "Amazing Grace," performed by the College's

newest a capella group, In Acchord.

Alec Marsh, Associate Professor of English, wrote a play, *Zorro and the Director*, which was directed by Troy Dwyer, Lecturer of Theater and Dance, and performed by Chris Shepard '07 and Sareve Lawson '08. The play was a short lyric piece that presents a fictional dialogue between J. Edgar Hoover, former Director of the FBI, and King after their deaths. The play also supports the theory that the federal government had a hand in King's assassination.

Dwyer commented, "It is really an artful piece, with unapologetic characterization, positively electric language and a heavy dose of political fierceness. It humanizes both men as complex leaders with radically different value systems, and dramatizes a cru-

cial moment in American history with both fiery panache and true heart."

Vicky Miyamoto '06 made a video consisting of various examples of violence around the world. Some of these examples were the kidnappings in Uganda, the Darfur conflict and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The video finished with quotes from King as well as photos from peace rallies around the world.

Julia Zur '06 and Benjamin Shaw '07 spoke about the mass genocide occurring in Darfur, Sudan. The United Nations has called the Darfur situation the worst example of human genocide to date. They explained that they are attempting to spread awareness throughout the

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Student Council forced to regroup

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Seven members of Student Council had to defend themselves at a Hearing Board meeting on Nov. 26, 2005 when allegations were raised on them for being in violation of the institution of Student Council. This particular meeting and its results have had a significant impact on Student Council and the Student Body.

According to a statement made by Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, "the Student Council as a whole was found not to be in violation of the College's Social Code." However, "two individuals were found to be in violation of the College's Social Code and will be required to do an educational program; they will continue to serve as members of the Student Council," while "five other members were removed from Student Council and will no longer function as the elected representative." The names of these students have not officially been released.

Ehrenberg ended his statement by saying, "This has been a difficult matter for the College, the Student Council and certainly the specific individuals involved. Hopefully, we have all learned something from this unfortunate incident. The time has now come for us to move forward."

Members currently on Student Council also hope to move on. Jared Fine '06, Student Body President, said, "For the sake of the Student Body, it is my hope that having put all this behind, we can look forward and concentrate on matters that are important

to us. I know that we will."

Andrew Kalish '06 said, "Council is losing five huge contributors at a crucial time when the College is changing. The students on the Council need to stand up for the Student Body, that is their sole job, not making sure the College runs well or is financially sound. Their sole job is to represent the Student Body's opinion to the administration."

During last week's Council meeting, members debated on whether or not the spots should be filled. The discussion will be broadcast on Muhlenberg College Television so it will be accessible to the Student Body.

Although Council thought these positions could be filled, after very careful consideration Student Council realized that it is unable to suspend its bylaws and therefore cannot elect four new members. (One of the people involved in the incident resigned two weeks prior to the decision and so her position is being filled by Sina Khoshbin '06.) A new Vice President, Rachel Rosenberg '07, was also elected this past Thursday.

One aspect that has come out of this situation has been the hope for a positive change. Kim Nguyen '07 said, "I am hopeful that we will at last be able to redirect our attention to our sole purpose; the attention and continued improvement of the Student Body and campus community. Too often, our organization has been overwhelmed with our own internal affairs that we have not been able to be as productive as possible."



At the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in the chapel, a speaker spoke to the College about the significance of the day.

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Diversity statement should be just the beginning

In any institution, there is a tendency toward stagnation. When all ideas must run the gauntlet of the administration and be subject to prodding and changing, those advocating change can be discouraged. For this reason, we commend those Faculty members who approached the administration to begin writing the College's Diversity Statement. While this statement was only intended as a clarification of the College's current beliefs, the work that the faculty and administration undertook to prepare this statement impacts the College.

This statement of the College's philosophy updates, our standards to those of our benchmark schools. Our faculty worked over the summer, researching diversity statements at other colleges and brainstorming about the type of policy they envisioned at Muhlenberg. These hard-working individuals met with President Helm last semester to create the statement currently posted on the College's website. The President's hope is that the College Community will respond to the attempt and propose revisions.

While we applaud the faculty and administration's efforts to bring this statement to the College Community, we hope that this hard work continues. As the Diversity Statement was intended to clarify the College's commitment to differing views from different people, the multicultural center that was proposed this past semester would renew this pledge for the current students. This center would give students the opportunity to meet to discuss differences and to provide support for those who feel they do not belong.

Additionally, this center would provide a launching ground for the programs called for by the Strategic Plan where "Staff will work with students, as well as faculty, to collaborate on educational and social multicultural activities and book performers to compliment multicultural and diversity program themes." With the ability to book speakers, activists and performers without competing for space with other activities on campus, multicultural and diverse life would be given a true opportunity to flourish on campus. With this center, the College would provide a statement of their intentions that is beyond words.

College sustains sense of apathy

Kate Conrad
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

I cannot seem to understand why the paper and plastic recycling bins in Seegers are filled with trash and the trash containers are filled with perfectly recyclable paper or plastic. In these hectic days, as we are rushing from class to class and meeting to meeting, are we really too busy to dispose of our waste properly?

This question, among others, was one I was hoping to get answered in Dr. Lewis' Environmental Sociology Class last semester. The class

was centered around "action projects." Each student in the class was able to choose which group they would like to work with concerning the issue of sustainability. The four issues being addressed were

recycling, activism, energy and food. The groups were issued the task of researching what other colleges were doing and what was going on at our campus with regards to their issue of sustainability. The goal was to come up with suggestions for President Helm's Greening Committee for how the College could improve its sustainability.

This final meeting was inevitably put on hold due to the weather, but the knowledge gained was not by any means lost. I worked with the recycling group and what we finally

came down to was one question: Is the problem ignorance or apathy? Throughout the campus, there is a consistent problem with contamination in the recycling receptacles. Students throw their trash in the containers filled with paper or plastic to be recycled and oftentimes the whole container is contaminated and is then treated as trash.

The truth of the matter is, it does take some small amount of extra effort to separate one's paper from plastic from trash, but it is really not that labor intensive, especially with the new color coded recycling buck-

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ets in each dormroom. Is the problem that people just don't know the correct way to recycle, or the importance of doing so, or both? Or are some students just too lazy? Do they buy into the myth, one fueled by the

constant litter strewn across campus, that the College doesn't actually recycle? What is the solution? Some other institutions offer incentives for recycling and some punish those who fail to do their part for the cause.

It is hard to tell which is the best solution for the College, but one thing is clear: the benefits of recycling and not contaminating containers is something that ought to be stressed by the College and more education and encouragement for incoming students may be a good place to start.

P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act terrorizes U.S. citizens

Bush's use of wire-tapping deemed anti-American

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

With the recent realization that our National Security Agency (N.S.A.) has been eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails over the past two years without the court-approved warrants regularly required for domestic spying, a complex question has been raised. Where does the line of the government protecting its people end and the line of those same people losing dangerous amounts of individual rights start?

When people are scared they are willing to give things up to quell their fear. Those in charge gain more power in order to have more of an ability to protect their citizens. Each step taken to give our government more overbearing power and

take away one more individual right of the citizen is a step away from democracy.

The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act was the first step and, at the time, it made sense. Sept. 11 was fresh in people's minds and they were willing to do what was necessary to prevent another disaster. Yet, over time, more questions were asked and more resistance was put towards the measures the Act took. On Feb. 3, the Act will be up for renewal, with a recent poll showing that 50 percent of the country approves it. However, only 50 percent of the people really know what the Act means at all.

The main problems with The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act lie in the government's unhindered access to library and phone records. The discovery that the N.S.A. listens to the phone

calls of anybody they want, without anyone but the executive branch of our government knowing, takes our government's power a step further.

Our current administration has been trying to save face on the N.S.A. issue by using the usual explanation: they are trying everything possible to protect our country against terrorism. Using the claim that they need every tool possible at their disposal, they find a way to justify any action that infringes on American's personal liberties.

How much more will Americans stand for? We should not live our lives in fear of terrorism because that is exactly what the terrorists want to see. They desire to see their actions changing the way our country is run. We still are the most powerful country in the world. Citizens of this country shouldn't be shaking

at their knees and willing to let the executive branch of our government act like a monarchy.

Wire tapped phones, tracked e-mail and library records aren't what America is about. Feeling scared directly after Sept. 11 is reasonable, but that happened nearly five years ago. It is time for our country to be strong and not let our government constantly monitor every action of its citizens.

Our individual liberties are what our country is built on. If the government continues to take away these liberties, we will start resembling the type of countries we are fighting. This, you would have to imagine, is exactly what the terrorists would want to see, a paranoid America, one that is terrified and

Displayed art loses its connection to Native American Culture

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Studying abroad aids in expanding your borders, as well as your intellectual horizons. One of my many misconceptions, in choosing to stay in the country and study, was that I thought of America and its products as homogenous, and that being Indigenous somehow meant that your lifestyle was a simple and uncomplicated version of mainstream society's.

Oscar Wilde joked that, "All art is quite useless." What I've discovered in this desert that is Santa Fe are fantastic lifestyles almost completely contrary to the Western mode of existence. The "art" created by the Native folks out here is not considered art by them, traditionally, because it is created mostly to be used. The gorgeous pots and woven bowls that resemble the patterns that stones naturally create are made to hold food or water, and yet in museums they are displayed grossly out of context of mundane usage as "art."

In this struggle of immersion, I find myself no longer surprised by the fact that a Native artist, whose

existence sometimes depends solely on their ability to sell their creations for bread, would choose to give into their fear and not close a sale.

Surprise is an intricate reaction. Last week in my Contemporary Issues of Native American Art class at the Institute of American Indian Arts, I was surprised to hear that many Native American artists are afraid of their art being collected because when it is displayed, it is taken out of context and fetishized. The main ingredient of my surprise was that I was ignorant of the meanings and values that are culture-bound; I guess ever since the Italian Renaissance there have been specific worldwide standards that all "good" art has to live up to—standards such as art has to represent an important idea, like Eugene Delacroix's *Liberty Leading the People*; must be made of materials costly and precious; must be made by men and, of course, the craziest rule of all: art has to be static, meaning that it cannot be used.

Aristotle pondered that, "The aim of art is not to represent the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance." The importance and appreciation of aesthetics

for a Native person is also crucial as it allows them to express their individuality within the confines of stereotyped culture, though cultural aesthetics inhabit every corner of the perceptual spectrum of the world in which they live.

One of the many issues in what is termed "Native American Art" is that non-natives don't acknowledge that Native artists who do not create "traditional" Native pieces are being loyal to their culture. With this mindset, the cultural integrity in their art is axed. Non-natives are preoccupied in assuming that the art stemming from Indigenous cultures is limited to cave paintings. They do not realize that tradition is an act or a ceremony whose integrity can be preserved by modern mediums.

With all these issues surrounding what can be defined as a means of entertainment, the universal attraction to art must have something to do with the soul and how it is attracted to communication that dabbles with symbols of what is spiritually beautiful or, more specifically, art has to evoke deep emotional reactions that cannot be explained on the superfluous surface of society.

Realizing that you're living in a society that is only given clues to its own mystery and beauty can be mind-boggling at times and, in a sense, this pursuit of artistic knowledge, while sometimes mundane, reaffirms our empathetic existence. The Native Hawaiian word for artist, *Makaku* means "people who live in layers," yet there is danger if you live like this all time. We all have the inherent impulse to change our identities in the act of definition and recognition, but sometimes we have to remain stagnant in order to see what is really in front of us, and thus the kind of person we are outside of this interaction. Everyone, in some way, shape or form wants to understand someone else and feel less alone, and that is a universal act of art. But in an internationally culturally afraid world, is it wise to look at the soul of people and cultures through technical eyes? Just as I was surprised that a stereotypical savage culture displayed intelligence in the protection of their creations, it is possible to overlook the meaning of a culture, and thusly it is understandable how, out of sheer ignorance on the part of the outsider, it is possible not to "fit in."

We all go sometime... Will you be ready?

Jeremy Hagan
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

You have a stalker. He's actually been following you since the day you were born and he won't stop until

you are a corpse. He's Death and what's worse is that he could strike at any time. As I've once heard it said, death is the ultimate wet blanket. Unfortunately, we all must experience it. So I pose a sobering question for you, then reader: Have you planned for it? And no, I'm not talking about your final will and testament or your funeral service. Are you ready to face God?

No doubt you have planned for other things less important in life. You obviously planned for college. You will prepare for your future career, your marriage, your first home and then for your next whatever, if you are still alive. But have you planned for your most important day ever--the day you will face God?

Allow me to share with you what the Bible says. Hebrews 9:27 tells us "it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." How do you think you will do on that day? Do you think you've kept God's Holy Law--the Ten Commandments? Test yourself and see. Nine: Have you ever lied? If so, what would that make you? If you listen to the voice of your conscience and are honest with yourself, you would have to say that it makes you a liar. Eight: Ever stolen anything? Then you are thief. Last one. Ever committed adultery? Now I know what a lot of you are thinking. "Kept that one. I'm not married yet so I can't commit adultery." But listen to the words of Jesus: "whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). So, if you have done those three things, then you admit to being a lying, thieving adulterer at heart.

Now the Bible warns that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). No thief, and no adulterer will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10). God is good. "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Yes. And because of His goodness, because of His love for righteousness and truth, He will see to it all

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RAs: Cleaning house from East to South

Are the College's Resident Advisors "out to get you?"

Ben Jackson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Resident Advisors (RAs): they are your friends, peers and police. They move in packs and as lone rangers. Mysterious in their intentions and accompanied by a shady job description that allows them to act like Wild West vigilantes taking the law into their own hands, RAs, as they are commonly known, persistently prowl the halls of dorms all around campus. Whenever you hear loud music after quiet hours, the clinking of glasses or any sounds of joy, they will be there to set the record straight.

At our prestigious small liberal arts college, like at many other colleges, there is a code of conduct which every student must sign. This code specifically is aimed at stopping underage

drinking, drug use, property destruction and disturbing the peace, but its real purpose is to give the parents, the pocketbooks of our institution, a sense of ease over the safety and health of their children. Justifiably, students who violate the code of conduct are written up and sent to a judicial board for punishment.

Suddenly though, evidence is appearing to support the charge that some RAs are abusing their power and selectively determining which students to bust based on personal bias. This is not the first time at the College that RAs have been accused of this atrocious yet hard to prove behavior. It must also be stressed, however, that it is only a select few of our elite housing police peers who are even suspected. It is sad that the actions of a few can

once again bring down the reputation of a generally good and moral group of people, but these claims can't be ignored. This alleged abuse of power is similar in many ways to racial profiling, with its unfair focus on certain individuals whose circumstances would have been treated differently if not for personal bias.

Is it fair to specifically pick out dorm rooms to monitor for the slightest reason to enter, rooms which, if they were monitored with the same standards afforded to others, would not give any cause for suspicion? Yes, technically if they are doing nothing wrong, then there shouldn't be a problem other than temporary discomfort. Yet let us look back to the College website's description of an RA's duties,

where it says "RAs act as role models for their peers and help to build college pride and residence hall unity." Does it really make the College proud or make RAs good role models when they use their job as a big

cowboy boot to stomp on the transcripts of all their enemies? More importantly, why are some specific on-campus residents afforded more scrutiny and therefore more protection and safety by RAs than

others? Shouldn't everyone be able to equally share in the benefits of RA attention? Is it not unjust to allow Jebidiah (names have been changed to protect the

innocent) more protection from the raging alcoholics around him than Monique from the equally raging but quieter alcoholics around her? Without an effective system to monitor the conduct of our

Suddenly though, evidence is appearing to support the charge that some R.A.s are abusing their power and selectively determining which students to bust based on personal bias.

RAs, for now it looks like we'll just have to live in a dorm world of unequal justice.

As for those of you who are now scared over your security out there, just do what I do. Lean back, turn up the music, pour out a shot for those homies fallen down river from lack of adequate RA protection and clank those sparkling apple cider bottles.

IMPORTANT

**ALL NEW APPLICANTS FOR
MILE OR OFF-CAMPUS
PROPERTIES MUST ATTEND
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
MEETINGS:**

**Feb 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th
6 PM in the Recital Hall**

*You will not be allowed to live in a MILE House or move
Off-Campus if you do not attend a meeting.
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murderers are punished, and that all rapists as well. But the Word of God has it that He is perfect and will punish sin wherever it's found.

The Scripture warns, "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). Under His Law, under this standard, there is no hope for you reader, or for me. But some 2,000 years ago "God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

We broke God's Law, but Christ paid our fine in His

life's blood on the cross. If anyone repents (confesses and forsakes their sin) and puts their trust in Christ, God will forgive them and grant them the gift of everlasting life. So obey the gospel today, and do what God commands you to do: repent (Acts 17:30).

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Please, consider seriously your eternal salvation. Open up the Bible and read it for yourselves. Start with the gospel of John. God bless.

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sacrificed all of its power into one man's hands.

There are times in history where this country needed a leader to grasp control and take the burden on himself to right the ways of our land. Franklin Delano Roosevelt guiding us through the Great Depression and World War II is a great example. Abraham Lincoln's guidance was key during and after the Civil War.

Unfortunately for Americans today, George W. Bush isn't of the same caliber leader as these men. He isn't even remotely close. He isn't smart or independent enough to carry our country through today's modern trouble with just the executive branch of government. Let's hope that our Congress and Supreme Court don't turn into a rubber stamp for our President, and use our checks and balance system to restore some democratic order to citizens of this country.

Medical Amnesty Policy runs on trial basis

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

One of the prominent changes on campus this semester is the establishment of a new Medical Amnesty Policy. In an attempt to urge individuals to seek medical attention, despite incriminating circumstances, the new Medical Amnesty Policy aims to eliminate the fear of judicial repercussions from the College for alcohol-related offenses.

The new policy is designed to allow individuals who call for assistance from Campus Safety, in the event of a medical emergency, to be exempt from the College's judicial processes. The policy applies to those students who live either on-campus or in off-campus housing.

The basis of this policy change is the assumption that many students may feel some trepidation calling Campus Safety, both for themselves and for the student in need of medical attention. This policy grants immunity, not only to the student in need of the med-

ical attention, but to the caller as well. The policy does not include occurrences in which offenders are "caught" by Campus Safety without receiving a call from them first. Students also cannot plead for amnesty if they have not called and requested aid from Campus Safety.

The policy does hold some other conditions as well. The immunity does not extend to an entire group nor to an established organization. Only the student who made the call and the students in need of assistance gain the immunity. The amnesty is also contingent on the fact that the Allentown Police Department (APD) has not been called. The amnesty does not extend to the APD and, as such, if the students are transported by an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) vehicle other than one from the College, there is a chance that the student may be cited if the vehicle calls the APD. The policy does not extend to other instances of abuse, such as

drug abuse, but it does include cases in which other drugs are taken in addition to alcohol.

Students, though granted amnesty from any formal College judicial proceedings, may be required to attend an educational session or to see a counselor. Students with a previous history of alcohol abuse may not be eligible for amnesty.

EMS worker Jackie Patino '08 said that the new policy "will give students a chance to call us [EMS] when they need us, and obtain the help they need without fear of getting into trouble from the College. It will urge more people to get the help they need and that is what is most important."

"Our main goal," said Brian Galgano '08, also an EMS worker, "is to reduce the boundaries students may feel are hindering them from getting help for their friends."

The Medical Amnesty Policy is currently on a trial basis for a year and a half. After the trial period has ended the new Dean of Students will re-evaluate it.

2006-2007 Presidential Assistant Positions announced!



Information Sessions

Mon., February 6

or

Thurs., February 9

@ 4:30PM

Office of Career Development and Placement
Career Resource Library

What is a Presidential Assistant?

A part-time, entry-level manager on campus. Openings are available in the following departments for 2006-2007:

Office of Career Development and Placement,
Public Relations, Academic Support, Alumni Relations,
Residential Services, Theatre/Development,
Wescoe School, and Student Activities.

What else should you know?

Jobs are approximately 20 hours per week. In exchange students receive free tuition equal to half-time course load and a monthly stipend. Presidential Assistants must live OFF-CAMPUS. Most seniors may not be eligible (because you are graduating), but tell a friend.

Can't make the sessions?

Stop by the OGD for information packets.
(Lower Level, Seegers Union)

The College's external website gets a new layout and design

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As many students, faculty and staff have noticed, the College's website has recently undergone a facelift. This new homepage has been in the works since August 2005 and was implemented on Jan. 10 by Phedra Fishbein, the College's Webmaster, and by Carolyn Brown Ray, the College's Web Developer.

Fishbein said that the goal kept in mind while changing the homepage was to "create a fresh, new look incorporating new college graphics, while providing users with a variety of ways to access information on the site." The website's main design remains intact, but there are many new features.

The new features on the homepage were created primarily to make navigation easier, but also to make it more visually and technically updated. The mouse over menus organize all of the information on the website. The directory and site search areas are now available right on the homepage.

The new homepage for Phedra Fishbein and the College's website is that visitors are able to access the majority of the website's features with one click directly from the homepage. The slideshow on the homepage features pictures of cultural events, student activities and the

campus. By clicking on the pictures, visitors have direct access to various aspects of life at the College.

The team who worked on the design changes has received quite a bit of feedback thus far.

"The more feedback we receive, the more knowledgeable we are about the user experience."

Phedra Fishbein

Ray and Fishbein, who were responsible for the changes, have been given plenty of positive feedback. There have also been plenty of questions and suggestions. They explain that the whole process of changing the homepage involves not only the designer, but the user as well. "The more feedback we receive, the more knowledgeable we are about the user experience," said

Fishbein.

Students had a variety of reactions to the new website design. Insley Fowler '09, thinks that the new homepage is "very compact, and you can get anywhere from the main page. The pictures are nice--you can see what kind of school we go to. The new design just takes some getting used to."

Erin Shapiro '09, however, feels that the website is "a lot more confusing now. It should not have been changed in the middle of the year while everyone was used to things."

The second part of the restructuring of the website will include a reorganization of the webpages of each department at the College. The Office of Information Technology

will offer direction and training for departmental webmasters.

Some students feel as though the College's webpage is only significant to those who use on a regularly basis. Michael Sarian '08 said, "it looks pretty and all, but at the end of the day it serves no purpose--people just got paid and spent time on something which serves no purpose."

Amanda Wade '08, a frequent visitor of the site said, "the website's new design is not as aesthetically pleasing, but it is easier to navigate, which is much more practical. At first, it is sort of confusing, but after awhile you get the hang of it. Just a matter of getting used to."

Tim Miller bares all in performance

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

An Ethel Merman disco CD was blasting as audience members entered Baker Theater to see *US*, a solo piece by Tim Miller that poses a number of challenging questions concerning the rights (or lack thereof) granted to gay couples in the United States. A reversed American flag, composed of *Godspell*, *Oliver* and *Gypsy* record album covers, hung over the stage and prepared the audience for ninety minutes of musicals and questioning of American laws and practices.

Before Miller took the stage, Beth Schachter, Professor of Theatre and Dance and the Interim Program Director for Center for Ethics, and Troy Dwyer, Lecturer of Theatre and Dance, introduced Miller, who has been in-residence on the College's campus for the last two weeks. Dwyer informed the audience that some have called Miller "a faggot, or a pervert" while others have called him "indecent and

a criminal," but Dwyer said he was proud to call Miller "a friend, mentor and an 'art daddy'". Miller's new solo piece is a reaction to the National Education Association (NEA) Solo Performer Fellowship that was granted to him and promptly taken away as a result of political pressure from George W. Bush's administration, which deemed his piece "indecent".

"Why is the United States heart so hard toward millions of gay couples?"

Tim Miller

The piece addresses many of the difficulties of establishing identity in the United States, and therefore was brought to the College as part of this year's Center for Ethics series concerning the ethics and politics of identity.

Miller asked, "What's wrong with us? Why is the United States' heart so hard toward millions of gay couples living in the States? We recycle!" he exclaimed. Miller asked the audience why he and Alistair, his Australian partner of 12 years, are unable to receive a marriage license. If a marriage license were to be

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College student appears as contestant on *Millionaire*

By Danny Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Jan. 17, Jenna Fletcher '06, an art major at the College, appeared on the national show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*. While she didn't win the million dollar jackpot, she walked away with \$16,000.

The idea for being on the show began as a family joke. "My grandma always joked about how I should try to get onto *Jeopardy* or the other TV game shows," said Fletcher. "I didn't think anything would come of it."

The reason she finally decided to audition to try to get onto *Millionaire* was because she is engaged and the show was airing a special episode for engaged couples called "Play to Pay for Your Wedding."

Fletcher said, "We passed the first part of the audition, which was a trivia test, then we were interviewed by one of the producers and we passed that as well. A few weeks later, we got a card in the mail and a call from a producer saying that we didn't make the couples episode."

However, Fletcher received another call from the show. "One of the producers called later on and told me that I had made the

show by myself."

Excited about being on the show, Fletcher began studying trivia. "I bought trivia cards and made friends, mainly my fiancé, make up games with lifelines. I picked up a lot of trivia facts doing that."

"I read *Time* and other magazines for facts and bought trashy magazines for pop culture information," she said.

The actual show, however, was another experience. "When they're taping they put the other contestants in isolation in a green room backstage. You can talk to the other contestants about strategy and watch the show while it's being taped but the audio is really bad."

When asked about the actual taping experience, Fletcher said it was "quite intimidating. The producer comes and pushes you out in front of the audience."

Fletcher had good things to say about the show's host, Meredith Vieira. "She was really nice, but the contestants do not get



Jenna Fletcher won \$16,000 on *Millionaire*.




PHOTO BY KRISTEN ZIEGLER

to meet her until you are on the show. After the show I got a hand-written card congratulating me on my winnings."

After the show aired, Fletcher received celebrity treatment at the College. "People came up to me at Senior Pub Night and said that they either saw me on the show or read about me being on the show," she said.

Although she received a boost to her bank account, do not expect Fletcher to splurge on any big purchases. "The money is going to be used for my wedding and I am saving the rest because I am an art major and not anticipating a job right out of school."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Showers
High: 40 Low: 27	High: 45 Low: 31	High: 46 Low: 37

OFF CAMPUS

Jan. 24 marks first Allentown homicide of 2006

Allentown's first homicide of 2006 took place at 319 N. Law Street on Tues., Jan. 24, when a 27 year-old male resident was shot at 2:20 a.m. Deputy Lehigh County Coroner Jason Nicholas ruled the shooting a homicide and noted that the victim of the murder died immediately due to multiple gunshot wounds.

So far, only one witness has come forward. She claims that following a lengthy argument between a man and a woman, she heard three or four gunshots. Another witness reported seeing a few vehicles outside of the house at around 1:02 a.m. but does not remember anything that occurred after that time.

The last homicide that took place in Allentown was on Dec. 26, 2005.

Optional license plates may be available for Pa. residents

Last week, a bill was introduced to the Legislature that would create "patriot" license plates in an attempt to raise money for body armor, Humvee armor, training and other equipment for the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The plates would cost an additional \$35, 20 of which would go into a special fund for the National Guard. The license plates would feature the word "patriot" in uppercase letters and the phrase "support our troops." In addition, there will be a yellow border around the entire plate.

Representative John Payne said that he developed the proposal after going to Iraq and speaking with guardsmen who told him their soldiers had been upgrading their old equipment on their own so that it met their needs.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

TIM MILLER

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issued, a Green Card would be granted to Alistair. With this Green Card, he could avoid deportation in contrast to heterosexual couples who have been together for little time and are able to marry without any legal qualms.

Taking a cue from *Gypsy*, a musical about a stripper, Miller aims to strip, both literally (his piece included nearly five minutes of full nudity) and figuratively, away all the "lies, bullshit and hypocrisy" present in America's political posturing concerning gays. Miller calls Bush a "freak in the White House who wants to create an amendment to deny [gay people] rights that we don't even have". However, musicals such as *The Man of La Mancha* have inspired Miller to "dream the impossible dream" and hope and strive for political change in the United States that will recognize homosexual couples and treat them with the same respect given to heterosexual couples.

Miller concludes his piece with a dramatic stripping scene, which emphasizes that this battle is all about voice and "raising it up! Not hiding or smothering, but lifting it up and raising it." These ideas were drawn from his love of musicals, the people

in which, according to Miller, weren't afraid to sing out about what matters--impossible dreams, love and truth or even the country's "stinky historical

so they are "being forced into exile," Miller cannot bare to leave his American flag and identity behind. He claims that America is in him, on him and in all



Tim Miller signs a copy of his book for a student.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER SHERLOCK

socks". Miller bares it all on stage and asks his audience "Where is the love? When is it going to be our turn?"

Although America will not grant Miller and his partner marriage rights and

of us, and despite the current political and social climate in the United States, he still has hope that justice will prevail. Miller encouraged his audience to help bring about political change by

urging the audience to contact their local congressmen and women in hopes that they will support a bill to help unite all American families.

Many of the current sponsors of this bill have been persuaded to take part by Miller's past audience members, and he claims that "It's great that what we do here [in the theater] ripples out into the world." Many audience members filed out into the lobby to sign a petition urging Allentown's Republican congressmen to sponsor the bill.

Many audience members gave very positive reviews of Miller's show and the message that it presented. Jay Daniel '09 said, "I liked him as a performance artist. He bared his soul on stage just as he bared his body. He successfully urged a universal message of acceptance through personal appeals."

Other audience members were challenged by his performance and his message. "I think US presented the difficulties of establishing identity in the United States. I mean, why bother trying to establish your identity if it's one that is seen so negatively? Tim did a great job of reminding us all that there still are many social and political problems that need addressing," said Andrew Hall '08.

MARTIN LUTHER

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campus through the organization, "Do it for Darfur."

One of the other speakers was jazz vocalist Roberta Meek, who gave a speech about the widespread issue of racism that still exists today. Following the speech, Meek sang "Everything Must Change."

Marsh and Charles O. Anderson, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, shared personal stories of what the event meant to them. Anderson finished his speech with an African dance performance which was inspired by his grandfather.

Concluding the celebration was a song performed by A Chorus Celebrating Women (ACCO), a group of which return each year to sing at the celebration. The whole audience joined in the last song of the night.

Reactions to the event were positive. Susan W. Clemens-Bruder, Lecturer of History, thought the event "went beyond just a celebration of Dr. King. It was very multifaceted with different types of expression." Chaplain Bredlau said, "I really thought that the event went very well. The attendance was rather impressive."

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 15 - Harassment - A student made a personal complaint to Campus Safety stating that she does not want to be contacted by another individual, who is a non-student.

Jan. 17 - Injured Employee - An employee in Campus Safety hit his head while in the Egner Memorial Chapel basement. He was treated at the Health Center.

Jan. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Prosser Hall, a smoke detector went off twice due to a malfunction of an alarm device. Plant Operations replaced the detector.

Jan. 19 - Vehicle Violation - An unregistered vehicle with four unpaid parking violations was found parked in the faculty/staff

parking lot. The car has been removed and the owner has been identified.

Jan. 19 - Theft - A Plant Operations employee's helmet and other equipment was stolen. There are no suspects.

Jan. 20 - Institutional Vandalism - A male student was seen striking a bike parked outside Martin Luther Hall. The student also vandalized a light on the building. The individual was referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 20 - Driving Under the Influence - A male student was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and driving under the influence.

Jan. 20 - Underage Alcohol Possession and

Consumption - In Prosser Hall, two bottles of alcohol were found in a room by a Resident Advisor. The students in the room admitted to possession and were referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 20 - In Walz Hall, a Resident Advisor performing a walk-through found individuals drinking beer. All individuals were identified and referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 21 - Underage Alcohol Possession - In Prosser Hall, a Resident Advisor caught some students drinking. The individuals were referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 21 - In Prosser Hall, a Resident Advisor addressing a noise com-

plaint found a door open with students inside the room drinking beer and other alcoholic beverages. The individuals were identified and reported to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 21 - Suspicious Persons - Two students on the 2300 block of Chew Street reported being harassed by two females around 23-28 years of age. The females were inside a light blue car. Nothing further is known at this time.

Jan. 22 - In Martin Luther Hall, a student found another student passed out in the hallway. The individual was cited for underage intoxication by the Allentown Police Department.

Jan. 22 - A student in the

Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot was found keying another student's car. The students are working out this issue.

Jan. 22 - Suspicious Persons - A student was threatened in the General's Quarters by a white male around 18-19 years of age. He had dark hair and was wearing a hooded sweatshirt. This man had a handgun. Two individuals matching the description were checked but nothing was found. The matter is still being investigated.

Jan. 22 - Suspicious Vehicle - A vehicle was parked in the Seegers Union parking lot for over an hour with three individuals inside. Officers have identified the passengers as two students and one employee.

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Eighteen students tell it like it is in *Live to Tell*

By Megan Glick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Eighteen students at the College bared their souls to me this past Saturday night. At least, it felt as though they were each speaking, singing, motioning, crying out ... just to me. They told their deepest, darkest secrets to me and to a huge crowd all seated in a large circle on the floor of the Black Box Theater. These students recounted their most private memories, their hopes and fears, dreams and nightmares, successes and failures sharing laughter and tears with each other and the audience. Intimacy was the goal in every aspect of production, from seating, to lighting, to the cast themselves, weaving in and out of the audience, engaging the crowd in their moments in the spotlight. Intimacy was definitely achieved.

Saturday night's *Live to Tell* performance was not really theater in the usual definition but it wasn't just therapy for the cast either. It was a summation of a two-week workshop with Tim Miller, who performed *Us* as part of the Center for Ethics program. This diverse cast

each performed a short monologue and a solo performance. Everyone showed a strong synthesis of body and mind in how their lives were communicated to the audience.

control and even suppression of one's true self seemingly reign. I thought to myself during a quiet moment in the show how wonderful it would be for other colleges and

advertised, could not have come at a more perfect moment in my time at the College. In May, I'll graduate; I spent a semester abroad, I have changed my majors and minors, I have seen friends and favorite faculty come and go. I suppose I'm at that jaded 'I'm a senior in my last semester where I look around this campus and wondering why I'm still here and wonder who the hell these people around me are' moment.

Live to Tell hit me hard in that I realized that this college, this Student Body, is everything I dreamt it could be as I toured the campus as a hopeful high school senior. The students here are really more diverse than we say they are and they are so rich in their own stories and pasts, richer in their aspirations for their futures and even richer in the honesty and bravery it takes to know one's self the way these 18 clearly do. I have a better feeling about the Student

Body after seeing this performance; I've gained back that faith in my fellow students that I was so close to losing before. Watching *Live to Tell* was an experience I want to stay with me for awhile.



Eighteen students take their final bow after Saturday night's *Live to Tell* performance.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GLICK

There were also moments in the show portraying the incredibly intense solidarity the group formed over just two weeks; their freedom in movement individually and in relation to one another was so refreshing, especially at a school where society's rigid norms of self-

other audiences to see this production, but I quickly realized it was this intimacy of all of us being peers that lent the strength and emotion necessary for this production to be the success it was.

Personally, witnessing this "18-pointed archaeology," as it was

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK OUT AT THE LIFE SPORTS CENTER?



"The ladies!"

- Steve Tenenbaum '09



"The thought of burning more calories to eat more delicious Garden Room food."

- Pam Rubin '08



"Knowing my coach will kick my butt if I'm not in shape for practice."

- Meghan Courtney '07



"Reading *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, which is now available in the Powerhouse Cafe!"

- Sam Beidleman, Director of Athletics



"Listening to *It's the Hard-Knock Life* on my I-pod."

- Seth Winkler '06

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Baldi & Suburban Graffiti: Creating a soulful stir in The Red Door

By Alexis Kaczmarcik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If you were to lucky enough to hear the band that played in The Red Door Saturday night or even to walk by in time to catch the sound of their show, you would have been overwhelmed with the combined sounds of soul, funk, hip hop and reggae. This infectious blend of music was provided by Baldi & Suburban Graffiti, a large band from New Jersey.

Together since just September, the band consists of a lyricist, two guitarists, a bassist, a saxophone player, a keyboardist and a drummer. As if there weren't enough members to this unique band, they had guest singers and rappers join them throughout the night.

The fantastic turnout in the Red Door was proof of their popularity; the crowd didn't hide their love for the band. Whether they were getting out of their seats to dance or simply sitting and bobbing their heads, there was an enthusiastic response to every song. You could even catch a few fans reciting words to some of the songs. The band itself was as equally enthusiastic about playing to this amazing crowd. In fact, the guitarist played so passionately that he broke a string during one of his songs. The keyboardist had to hold his keyboard at times while he played because he was pressing down on the keys with such intensity.

Although it is hard to compare Baldi's sound to any particular band, try to imagine a mix of Dispatch, Sublime and Dave Matthews Band, where instead of the lead vocalist singing, you are exposed to the distinct sound of lyrical rap. The front man (whose real name is Jeff but who goes by his childhood name of Baldi) and the guitarist Casey McGuire have been playing music together for about a year. Baldi met the other members of the band through his younger brother, though the band was officially put together four months ago by McGuire and Nick Kaminski, the drummer.

All the members of the band are from New Jersey, but they enjoy traveling around in a band. When asked what his favorite part of being in a band was, Baldi said that while his favorite part of being a musician is getting the chance to put his thoughts onto paper and then into his lyrics, "being in a band just takes it to a whole new energy level."

For musical inspiration, these guys turn to underground hip-hop, like Atmosphere and Asop Rock. However, Baldi admitted that if one artist or band could come back and record one more album, he would want it to be Jimi Hendrix.

Baldi & Suburban Graffiti brought a great sound and energy to the College on Saturday night. Appealing to every type of music lover, Baldi & Suburban Graffiti presented a new genre of music to the college campus. Though new to the music audience, the College hasn't heard the last from this innovative band.



Baldi & Suburban Graffiti shake up The Red Door with foot tapping and head bobbing tunes sure to appeal to every type of music lover.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS KACZMARCIK

Pennell etches his mark in the world

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The latest exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery is a series of illustrations by Joseph Pennell (1857-1926). The opening of this series was on Wednesday; it will run March 4.

Pennell was born into a Quaker family in Pennsylvania. This exhibit should prove interesting for Philadelphia natives at the College since the city appears in many of his works.

Pennell began his career as an architectural illustrator for leading architectural magazines such as *Scribner's Monthly*, *McClure's* and *Century*. The viewer can follow Pennell's transition from small-scale, precise drawings to dark, dream-like pictures of New York City, NY at night to his later work which gives the illusion of being three-dimensional.

Pennell lived abroad for two decades. Upon his return to the States, Pennell discovered that New York City had undergone major construction and was now a flourishing city. At various times Pennell artic-

ulated in *Surveyor of American Wonders* his thoughts about the city he so often depicted in his artwork. "[New York was] finer than any [city] in the world that ever existed, finer than Claude ever imagined, or Turner ever dreamed... The Unbelievable City, the city that has been built since I grew up... The city that inspires me, that I love."

It seems, however, that his love did not extend far beyond the buildings he rendered. Though New York City is widely recognized as one of the most diverse cities on the planet, Pennell never recognized this in his work and he even expresses disdain for it. It is rare to see the human figure represented among Pennell's architectural drawings. When there are people in his work they serve mainly as small, insignificant scribbles in contrast to the grandeur of the buildings. Pennell even distorts perspective to accentuate the central architectural focus of the work.

His representations of the architecture seem elevated beyond the scope of man to something of a natural phenomenon; he often refers to the silhouettes of tall buildings as

the mountains of a city.

It is in his exclusion of man that reveals Pennell's general dislike of people and his prejudice against the immigrant working class, who were the people who were most likely involved in the construction of his "picturesque wonders." In one of Pennell's writings he describes a train ride he took in search of a potential natural subject.

While on the train, Pennell observed some townsfolk. Of the people he wrote, "There, and not in Philadelphia, are the new Americans--but most Americans do not know it--for their ways are not Philadelphia ways, and there is not a man among them who speaks English hardly--and they are too ignorant to know that England is their 'Mother Land,' but there is even more ignorance in Spruce Street" (*Surveyor of American Wonders*).

Though the artist did have his own prejudice against the very people who built what he so admired, it is easy to see past this and enjoy his works for what they are: etchings of architectural masterpieces.

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Tilghman Weekend Listings



Fun with Dick & Jane

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00

Glory Road

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Last Holiday

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Nanny McPhee

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Underworld Evolution

Fri. 4:30, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:30, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:50

Hoodwinked

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 7:10

Big Momma's House 2

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 3:45, 7:20

For the New Year: resolve to have the confidence to respect yourself

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Over the break, I thought about New Year's resolutions and how pointless they are. They last about a week and then fizzle out. For gym frequenters, notice how after winter break the Life Sports Center is packed with people on the cardio machines trying to have a healthier 2006? They will be gone in about a month after all of their ambition has been sweated out and schoolwork has taken over.

Don't be like all the other quitters who lapse back to their old ways. Make Spring 2006 your best semester ever. I get so many men and women on this campus asking me how they can meet new people at college. They feel like they go to the same parties and see the same guys and girls, and want to try and expand their friendships. The only problem is that they don't know how

to go about finding interesting people.

If you spend every Saturday night with the same group of kids, going to The Liberty Street Tavern and ordering the same Coors Light pitcher, you may not realize that there is a whole campus full of attractive, fun, smart and interesting people for you to meet. Try going to a show in The Red Door, gather up some friends and go enjoy a night of music or comedy.

If you are not really into sports, try something out of character and attend one of the many athletic events going on around campus. Basketball, track and field and wrestling events are all venues where you could meet and make new friends.

This year, go outside of your comfort zone and get yourself out there. Going to dinner alone in the

General's Quarters or the Garden Room sounds like a scary and "loser-ish" things to do, but if you pick the right moment, you might be able to share a meal with that special someone you have been eyeing.

Dinner time in either place is not an ideal time to try and make new friends, but the General's Quarters in the later evening hours usually isn't as crowded. The Garden Room around lunch time can be another opportunity to meet someone new.

The last thing I hope everyone at the College will do this year is have some respect for others as well as for themselves. I am always an advocate for respect for others, but I feel like I need to remind people that they should have respect for themselves. If a man or woman you are hooking up with is treating you disrespectfully, they are not worth it. For once in your life, be a little self-

ish and don't give out second chances or give into their excuses. If they don't know how to treat people with sincerity and appreciation by now, then they will never learn. Wasting your time and feelings on them will not help them or you.

Take time to figure out what you want for this year. Then make sure you don't compromise your feelings, your wants and goals just for the chance to get immediate sexual gratification. Take time to evaluate your feelings and decide whether you can trust them before jumping into bed. Don't settle for something because it is easy and don't let people walk all over you.

I think that we should all strive this year to be more confident. In the end, one of the most attractive qualities that men and women look for in each other is a confidence that screams self-appreciation and respect. Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!

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Muhlenberg College's Washington Semester Seeks applicants for Fall 2006

Muhlenberg College's Washington Semester



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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

Oh Aries, what a month for you! The month when most students drag their bored and lumpy bodies back to their respective campuses and begin, once more, the grueling regime called school. Fortunately for you, this month happens to be the scholastic month for you. There aren't many days left so ace your first quiz and you'll be off to a great start in a great new year. Keep up the good work and you'll be set.

Taurus

The month of love is slowly approaching, so enjoy your last few days of singleness because your bachelor days are limited. No more lonely nights of rerun TV programs and snuggling up with your stuffed animals (I know you still have them) when Mr. Cupid comes knocking. In this last week of January, let loose and explore your wild side while you still have the chance. Scream with your girls and flirt with the boys.

Gemini

Dealing with stress already? There are so many ways to relax on campus to take that too-soon-to-be-blue stress away from your tired bones. Try the punching bag in the upper loft of the gym. Run away your worries on the indoor track or treadmill. Sit in front of the Seeger's fireplace and lose yourself in the flames. I recommend a soothing cup o' Joe and a brownie. There's nothing that that combo can't conquer.

Cancer

This wacky weather is getting on everyone's nerves, but it seems to be effecting you more than others. One day it's warm, one day it's cold. One day it's sleeting and another day, beautiful sunshine! Don't let estrogen-overloaded Mother Nature rule your hormones. If you're feeling low, wear a bright color to boost your mood or girls, add a little sparkle to sharpen your step. Whatever you do, don't give into the winter blues.

Leo

Are you feeling unchallenged by classes, wondering why you even bothered coming back this semester? Put aside those doubts that your education is a joke. Most teachers gradually slide you into harder homework and topics. They don't want you to feel overwhelmed too quickly. So enjoy the extra time and small assignments. Catch up on some pleasure reading or write some poetry.

Virgo

Well, well, well Virgo. I have to say that this hasn't been your best month. Recently you seem to have been distant from those who care about you most. Many things could be contributing to this lack of caring and enjoyment of solitude. Don't get me wrong, reflection is not a bad thing, but cutting out people from your life is. Take a look at what's really bothering you and take action.

Libra

It's only a little under a month into this new year and all of those good old resolutions have already gone down the drain! Time to get it together, Libra! This can be a big year for you if you are willing to put a little more effort into some of the goals you've set for yourself. It's not a promising year so this one is going to really be up to how much you put into it. So pick up the slack and really make something of yourself!

Scorpio

You've seen it coming and there is no denying it now, trouble is on its way. There will be some issues with those closest to you saying things behind your back. But don't lose heart, because a misunderstanding is really the cause of all the trouble. Let those comments roll off your back and keep working to get to the heart of the matter. Once past this bump the relationship will smooth out and be better than ever.

Sagittarius

You need some time to yourself soon. This year is looking stressful, as most years do, and you really need this time to organize your thoughts and get a plan going. Friends might complain at your absence but don't let that dissuade you. Now is a good time to try some new techniques to calm and organize yourself. Once you have a plan for the semester and feel calm, look to really having some fun with friends.

Capricorn

Leadership skills can be a blessing and a curse as you well know. It can be blessing because you can handle most situations and aren't afraid of taking control. It can be a curse when you're looking to take a break and have some fun. Unfortunately, things aren't about to change. Just try and think of it as a compliment and make the best of your designated role. If you plan ahead you can do it all and enjoy things too!

Aquarius

It is time to help your fellow man! Yep, after such a good year last year the galaxy decided that it's time to pay it forward. Get out there and look for ways to give back to people. Do the small things, like cards for Valentine's Day (yep, it's coming up soon!) and your stars will align and things will go well. If you ignore this warning and only look out for yourself, fate will bite you!

Pisces

The key to any great relationship is being able to change. People around you, especially those close to you, are going to be having major changes soon. To survive this one you're going to really need to go with the flow of things. Be sure that you pay close attention to the things that are important and let them know that you're there for them. They're really going to need you around.

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As much as the two showings of *Live to Tell* must have been thoroughly cathartic for the cast, if I am by any means typical of those watching, the audience has its own work to do, spiritually as well. I needed some sort of release after watching my classmates... I joked I either needed to go meditate for awhile or, in the words of Peter Griffin from *Family Guy*, "drink till I couldn't feel feelings anymore." I ended up doing a mix of the two, meeting up with friends at a party and talking to one friend in particular about our thoughts on the show. She knows many of the cast personally; knowing their stories before

seeing them performed was intense and awesome (in the real sense of the word) for her to see. She is proud of their show of talent and heart and I can clearly see why. I recognized many performers, some I am glad to call acquaintances, and on my walk home from the performance, I found myself tearing up. What would I have chosen to speak about? What quality of myself, what moment in my past, what fear for my future? Whatever I could choose, it would not do the cast's performances justice whatsoever. I want to thank them for the privilege of experiencing a little piece of each of them and for inspiring me to have a little more faith, hope and love in my fellow students.



Sina Khoshbin '06 expresses his idea that today's cross dresser could be tomorrow's doctor at *Live to Tell*.

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'Floor General' leads Mules to 14-1 start

Mule Profile--Kristen "KP" Piscadlo

By Meghan Courtney
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's women's basketball team is having a stellar season, winning 14 out of 15 games. The women's team's success has delighted many dedicated fans who were unsure what to expect after last year's less-than-celebrated season, which posted only 12 wins.

On a team with largely the same personnel along with the four freshmen, it is apparent that team dynamics have changed. While there are undoubtedly many different people and factors acting in this 180-degree turnaround, the leadership with which Senior Captain Kristen Piscadlo has led her team is an undeniable part of the equation that sums up her team's winning streak. Piscadlo is racking up record numbers of assists per game that allow her teammates a considerable scoring advantage against the Centennial Conference's tough defensive competition. Piscadlo's had 19 assists in only the last three games, six of which were claimed from the women's win on Saturday versus Washington College. This pushed Piscadlo up to ninth place on the Conference All-Time Assists list with 350 in her career.

Piscadlo is also a critical offensive source for the Mules, usually ranking among the top scorers and in the double digits. Because of her consistent outstanding performances, Piscadlo has been nominated to The

Conference's All Star Team, which will travel to Australia in June. She will represent the College and her hometown of Somerset, NJ as she joins other nominees from Division I and Division II colleges

to play basketball.

Piscadlo credits much of her team's success to her seven fellow seniors. "They are a group of hard-working individuals who will not settle for anything less than victory.

Working with them is what makes me want to give it my all and go out there everyday." In particular, Piscadlo acknowledges her room- and teammate Senior Samantha Tager as "a great backup for the entire team who works really hard and pushes me in practice."

When asked in turn about her roommate, Tager emphasizes Piscadlo's leadership abilities. "KP is a great leader and player on the court but off the court as well. She is one of my best friends who is always there to listen and give advice. You can't ask for anything more than that."

When asked about Piscadlo's other talents, Tager said that Piscadlo "cleans their house well." While the state of Tager and Piscadlo's apartment is up to deliberation, one thing is clear: whether sweeping her opponents off the floor or dusting by them on the way to the hoop, Piscadlo's skill as a player is valued as highly as her devotion to her teammates, bonds which exceed common expectations of any captain, friend or teammate.

When asked about her prospects for the season, Piscadlo said that she makes it a habit not to get too far ahead of herself. She says that she sees the long run as only one game at a time. The women's next game is this Saturday at 2 p.m. against Gettysburg College. Gettysburg remains one of the few teams in their league that the Mules have not played.



Senior Kristen Piscadlo recorded her 102nd assist of the season in the Mules' game against Washington College. This is only 15 behind her own single-season record. She has nine regular season games remaining to pass it.

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Mules sprint to a strong season start

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules' indoor track & field team had a strong start to their season at the Kutztown Invitational on Jan. 13.

In this non-scoring meet, Senior Danielle Seiler qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships (ECAC) by more than three seconds in the 500 meters with first place and a College record time of 1:20.34.

This time broke the record that Seiler set three years ago.

Junior Rachel Drosdick also qualified for the ECACs in the long jump with a 17-foot jump on her final attempt. Her jump passed the ECAC qualifying distance by more than nine inches.

Last Saturday, the Mules competed in their second indoor meet of the season, the Orange and Maroon

Classic at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. Although this meet was also non-scoring, the Mules had several first-place finishes in the events of the meet.

Senior Karen Mount won the 800 meter race and qualified for the ECACs with a time of 2:20.62.

This time surpassed the previous College record by nearly four seconds. She won by more than 11 seconds and surpassed her own personal best by almost seven seconds.

Mount also ran the second leg on the 4x400 relay team that also included Sophomores Jenna Lombardi and Emily Karel and Seiler. They won by almost ten seconds. Their finishing time of 4:12.22 missed the College record by five one-hundredths of a second. The women's 4x200 relay team, comprised of

Seiler, Lombardi, Karel and Freshman Amanda Martini, challenged the relay team of Elizabethtown College and the Mules captured first place by a mere four hundredths of a second.

The men's team featured two event winners. Junior Steven Rothwell won the 800 meter race with a time of 2:00.63.

In the mile, Junior Lex Mercado took first place with a personal best of 4:27.18.

"Both the men's and women's teams are ahead of where we were at this point in the season last year," said Mercado. "We are hoping to carry our performance through Conferences. Even though this is always our goal, it is close in sight"

The Mules' next meet is the Muhlenberg Indoor Invitational, which will be held on Friday at home in Memorial Hall.

WINTER TRACK



Junior Rachel Drosdick bounds through the air on her way to a 17-foot jump.

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Second defeat of F&M icing on the rink

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The ice hockey team went into Saturday's game against Franklin & Marshall College (F&M) seeking to prove that their first win was not a stroke of luck.

The Mules beat the F&M Diplomats for the first time this season to become the first-ever Centennial Cup champions in December, but the win was thought by F&M fans to be questionable considering they played the Championship game immediately following their win against Gettysburg College. In other words, their rest time was twenty minutes compared to the College's two hours.

Since F&M had beaten the Mules twice in two previous games this season, the Mules faced the Diplomats Saturday in their final regular season meeting to try to prove that their win was not a fluke. The Mules' Junior Captain, Peter Palomaki, found the net three times. While the hat trick was enough to seal the win, Sophomore Brian Veltkamp and Freshman James Rohn cushioned the lead, scoring in the second and third

periods, respectively.

The Diplomats only managed to score two goals by the final buzzer, and the game concluded with a score of 5-2 and Mule win. The Mules' improved defense is in part due to junior goalie Rob Brennan, who made his first career start and first appearance.

"It was a great win for us," said Senior Brendan Haney. "It really charged up the team for the second semester, and we all really felt good leaving because we all knew we skated the best we could. We really pulled together as a team. Everyone had a great day.

From our first line to fourth, everyone skated really well and played a good game."

"With a new goalie, we have a new sense of confidence," said Haney. "Hopefully that will help carry us through the second semester. We have a tough road ahead. But it is far from impossible to maneuver and conquer."

To make the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference Championships, the Mules must win the majority of their remaining games this season. Their next game is against Millersville University at home on Jan. 28. The game begins at 8 p.m.

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on five of his first five three-point attempts. Senior co-Captain Jimmy O'Brien added 19 points as the Mules coasted past Gettysburg, 84-58.

The Conference success continued as the Mules beat Franklin & Marshall College, 82-70. Junior Jimmy Riggins had his first-career double-double with 11 points and ten rebounds. Stewart and Huber continued their hot streak with 21 and 17 points, respectively.

A three-game Conference rut followed for the Mules; they lost to McDaniel College, 80-72; Johns Hopkins University, 70-60 and Ursinus College, 76-56. Stewart scored 25 points and recorded ten boards while Junior Tom Scott added 19 points, but the effort was not enough for a Mule victory.

A 60.9 percent overall shooting percentage by the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays was too much for the Mules to handle. The College led for most of the game but fell short in the end, recording their first home game loss of the season. Huber led the team's scoring with 17 points.

Playing at Ursinus proved to be a challenge for the College, as the Bears took advantage of their home turf. A great second half shooting performance by Ursinus sealed the fate of the game for the

Mules. Stewart led the team with 21 points while Scott added 12 points.

Ready to revenge the early season loss to Washington College while playing in front of an enthusiastic home crowd, the Mules came out strong, scoring ten of its first 11 baskets off of lay-ups.

The Mules took an early lead and only expanded on it as the game progressed.

Stewart recorded a double-double in the first half of play and finished the game with 22 points and 15 rebounds. The double-double was his ninth of the season.

Stewart also had four blocks, which moved him into third place on the College's All-Time Blocks list and seventh place in the Conference. His impressive 22 points also moved him into 15th place on the College's All-Time Scoring list with 1177 points.

"It's always considered a successful day when you can get a win," said Stewart.

"It feels great to successfully defeat a good team. The overall environment was enthusiastic and invigorating on Saturday and we were definitely pumped up and ready to play for victory and reach our goals."

The Mules' next game is going to be held this Sat., Jan. 28 at Gettysburg College. The game begins at 3 p.m.

Mules have tough break

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's wrestling team returned to campus on Jan. 2 and has been busy practicing and competing since. Five days after their return from their semester break, they competed at the Williams Invitational in Massachusetts. The College finished sixth out of eight teams and seemed to be off to a rough new year with several injuries.

"Despite coming out of the Williams Tournament with a few bumps and bruises, the team performed very well against a field of eight solid teams that we had not wrestled before," says Senior co-

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Captain Dale Mills. When asked about the source of the difficulty, Mills replied, "The toughest obstacle was only having a few days of practice to be back into shape from Christmas vacation. In a sport like wrestling those few extra days are crucial."

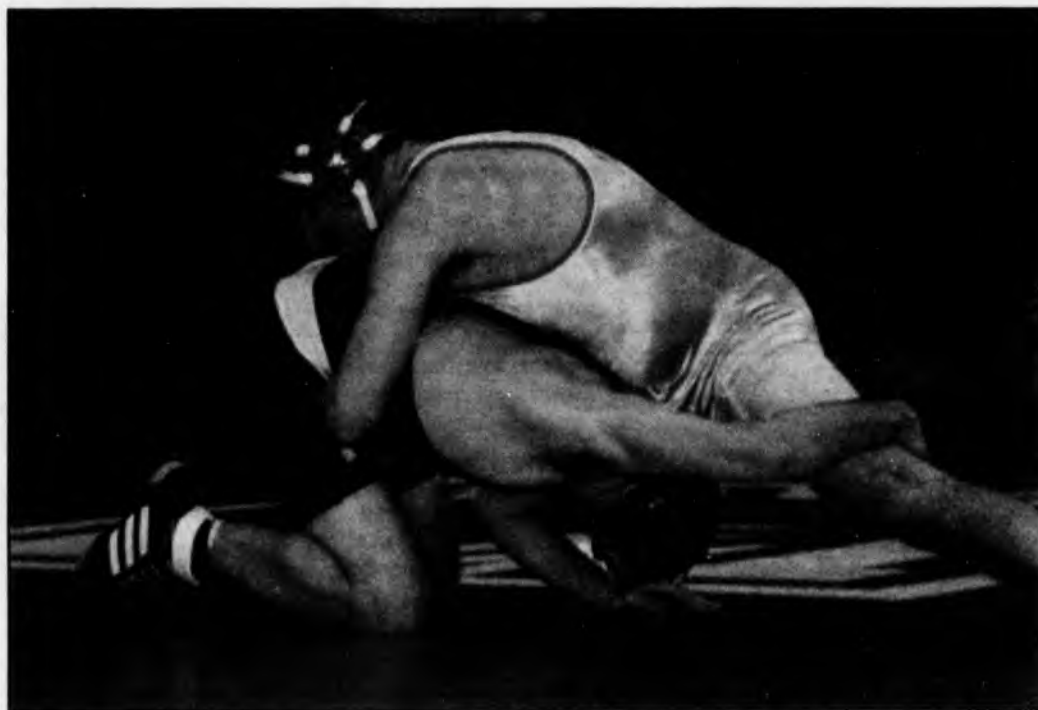
On Jan. 12 the College wrestled New York University (NYU) and Elizabethtown College at NYU. The team defeated Elizabethtown in a 40-8 victory. This match-up was led by four pins by the wrestlers. Freshman Justin Fitch's (174 lbs.) pin was in

5:23, Freshman Matt Horn wrestled 197 lbs. and had a pin in 0:29, Junior co-Captain Matt Loesch wrestled up as a heavyweight and also took a pin in 2:04. Freshman Rob Kein made a pin in 1:53 at 141 lbs. The College won all but two bouts against Elizabethtown.

NYU proved to be much more of an obstacle. Mills, Loesch, Freshman Dan McEnroy and Freshman Billy Hall were the only wrestlers to win matches. McEnroy won by forfeit. Hall said, "I feel that I am moving faster than I imagined towards my goals. In the beginning of the season my only goal was to wrestle hard and

make varsity. I have exceeded my expectations and hope to grow as a wrestler."

On Sat., Jan. 21, the College's wrestlers were at Johns Hopkins University where they matched up against Johns Hopkins University and Gettysburg College. An outstanding effort by the College produced two victories. Senior co-Captains Chris Gibson (165 lbs) and Mills (157 lbs.), along with Kein (141 lbs.) and Hall (133 lbs.) all won their bouts. Junior Michael Tenenhaus (125 lbs.) also won both of his matches, his first wins since



Senior Captain Dale Mills pins his opponent. After the Gettysburg College and Johns Hopkins meet, Mills improved to 43-6 for his career.

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returning from a semester abroad.

Gettysburg forfeited five of their weight classes; this helped the College to their 45-9 match win. Also contributing to the score were the wins at 197 lbs. Junior John Hesse (174 lbs) took his first career tech fall, ending the match after 6:37 minutes. Loesch won by a major decision of 15-7 at 197 lbs.

Johns Hopkins posed much more of a challenge. After a Gettysburg forfeit,

Tenenhaus won the first match he wrestled this season by a decision of 8-4. Hall also won by decision, 8-2.

Kein faced a tough match against a wrestler who placed third in the Centennial Conference Championship last season. Kein took this notable win with a major decision of 13-5.

Sophomore Joe Decampo wrestled an impressive match at 149 lbs. He came back from behind to finish

with a decision win of 11-5. Mills pinned his opponent in 1:50 and gave the College a 22-0 lead. Gibson's 5-3 win in overtime was followed by three straight losses.

The final match resulted in heavyweight Sophomore Chris Swenson's first career win in a dual meet with a close score of 2-1. The final score was 25-13. The College will be wrestling Thurs. Jan. 26 at King's College and Sat., Jan. 28, at Steven's Institute of Technology.



In the game against Ursinus College, Senior Val Robuck looks across the court while the Mules attack on offense. The Mules defeated Ursinus in overtime, 53-46.

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14 points.

This past Saturday, the Mules handed a 25 point loss to Washington College and won their tenth straight game. Although the Mules extended their long winning streak, they had an even longer streak snapped. They were 0-for-6 from the three-point range.

This was the first time since 2001 (a span of 118 games) that the Mules did not score from behind the arc. Freshman Bethany Enterline scored a career-high 13 points as the Mules had a 65-40 victory.

The College (14-1, 9-1) remained tied for first place in the Centennial Conference with Johns Hopkins.

"We have really come a long way since last year," said

Senior Tiffany Kirk. "I think teams are starting to realize that half of our team are seniors who probably won't play at this kind of level after this season ends. I also think that it's too late for them to do anything about it."

The Mules were in the top 50 in Division III in three defensive categories. They were 18th in rebound margin (plus-9.4), 22nd in scoring defense (52.3 points per game allowed) and 44th in field-goal percentage defense (.350). The College also ranked 37th in scoring margin (plus-13.6). Also, as of this past Tuesday, the team was ranked 28th on the d3hoops.com poll page.

The Mules will try to extend their winning streak as they take on Franklin & Marshall this Thursday and Gettysburg College Saturday at 2 p. m.

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Winning streak reaches double digits

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Over the winter break, the women's basketball team continued without pause, practicing every day. They were 8-1 going into the break and are now 14-1 and on a ten-game winning streak.

Back under game pressure on Jan. 7, the Mules defeated Haverford College, 82-46. This was Haverford's 27th straight loss to the College. Senior Stephanie Coluccini had a season-high 15 points.

On Jan. 12, the Mules traveled down to McDaniel College and were in a back-and-forth game, with the Mules repeatedly gaining the lead only to lose it the next minute. Senior Kristen Piscadlo hit in a game-winning jumper with 33.4 seconds left and defeated McDaniel 65-64. This was the first win at McDaniel for the Mules since 2000. This was also the fourth game between the two teams where the final score was only a one point difference.

Jan. 14 was a rematch against Johns Hopkins University. It was the Mules' only loss of the season at

that point. The Mules defeated the Blue Jays, 50-36, with a stunning defensive effort. This was the fewest points scored by any Hopkins women's basketball team since 1984. The Mules held Hopkins to 20.7 percent shooting average, and Hopkins only made one of their 18 three-point attempts.

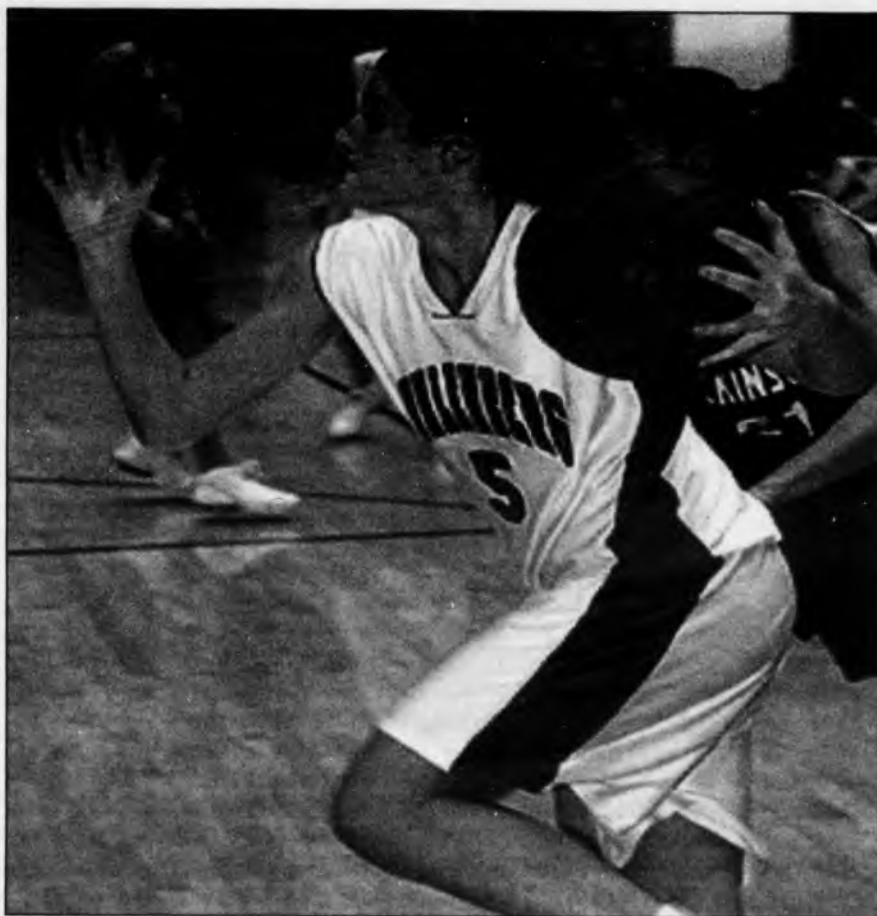
Junior Meghan Courtney finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds for her third double-double of the season. During that week, Courtney was Centennial Conference co-Player of the Week. She averaged

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15.3 points and eight rebounds per game and blocked four shots as the Mules won their third straight game.

On Jan. 18, the College played against Ursinus College. The Mules needed overtime to extend their winning streak to nine games. They defeated the Bears 53-46 behind an all-around stellar performance by Piscadlo, who racked up nine points, nine assists, seven rebounds, three steals and two drawn charges in her 43 minutes of play. Senior Lacie Smith led all scorers with

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Senior Stephanie Coluccini charges down the court to lead the Mules to victory.

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Shoremen sink, Mules get chance at playoffs



Senior Jimmy O'Brien leaves it all on the court as Mules gain big win against Washington College last Saturday.

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By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Before leaving for semester break, the men's basketball team competed at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J. The Mules fell behind early and trailed by nine at the half. A late 11-0 run sealed the deal for TCNJ as they won 65-49. Junior guard Tom Scott led the team with 14 points.

The team returned on New Year's Day, and began preparing for a game against Division I (DI) Lehigh University.

"Coming back early gives us a chance to bond as a team and get to know each other better. This gives us a great opportunity to be successful on the court," said Junior

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Chris Huber.

On Wed., Jan. 5, the team traveled to Stabler Arena in nearby Bethlehem, Pa. to battle it out with the Mountain Hawks. The DI team turned out to be too much for the Mules and Lehigh won 80-70. Junior Jeff Stewart scored a team-high 28 points and brought down 13 rebounds against a much taller Lehigh front court. Huber scored a career-high 20 points in 22 minutes of play.

Resuming Centennial Conference play on Jan. 7, the College had an advantage of play over Gettysburg College and capitalized upon it. Huber proved influential in this game as he tied a College record, connecting

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Faculty at the College count every step they take

By Liz Faughnan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Around campus, many students have noticed faculty, staff and administrators walking around with little devices attached to their belts. They might even have noticed their professors walking around their classes a little bit more. Faculty, staff and administrators have been participating in the "Walking Works" program, which was started by Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. Ehrenberg asked Brynn Dorsey, Director of the Health Center, to address the employee wellness issue at the College. Dorsey, along with Audrey Fernald, staff nurse at the Health Center, have gotten more than 240

staff and faculty members involved in this program.

In conjunction with the College's insurance company, Capitol Blue Cross, pedometers were provided for every individual to keep exact count of every step they have taken. Both Dorsey and Fernald agreed that competition would provide both motivation and excitement for all involved.

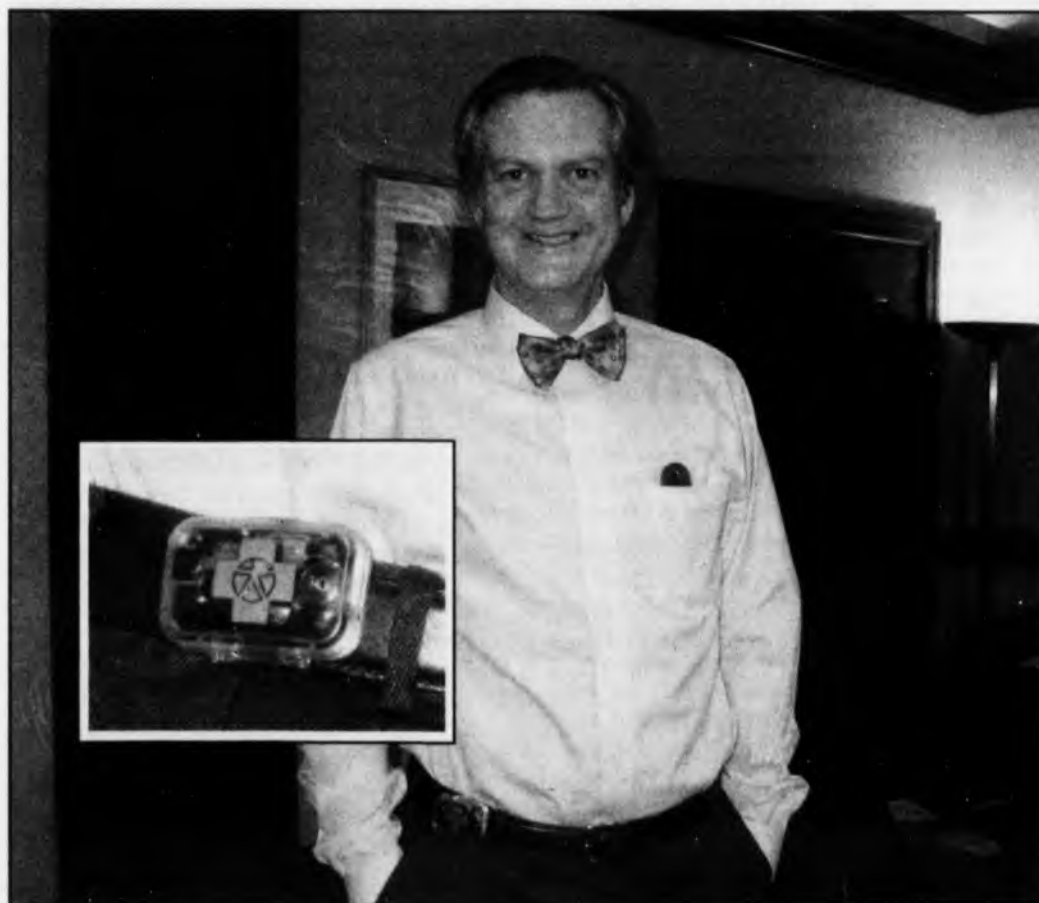
Staff members divided into teams, mostly by department. Teams named themselves: for example, Pony Express represents mail room workers, The Jock Block represents the fitness teachers and the Feverish 5 represents the Health Center workers.

The first week of the twelve-week program

ended this past Monday. A prize is given at the end of every week for the team and individual who walk the most steps. Then at the end of the twelve-week program the team with the most calculated steps wins a grand prize, which has yet to be decided.

President Randy Helm is taking part in this program. He said, "If it gets us all to walk more and be healthier (maybe for those of us who live near campus will drive less, consume less gasoline, use fewer parking spaces) it is a great thing!"

Dorsey said that the competition aspect is all in fun and everyone realizes the true meaning behind this program: living a healthier, more active lifestyle.



President Randy Helm wears his pedometer, both to support the College's new walking program and to compete on his office team.

PHOTO BY KRISTEN ZIEGLER

College adopts Film Studies major

By Elyse Ettin
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

After five years of research and committee work, the faculty at the College have ratified a Film Studies major. The major, tentatively slated to begin in Fall 2006, will not be considered a department. Instead it will resemble the American Studies Interdisciplinary program.

The process to start the major has been lengthy because faculty members disagreed about how the major should be structured, what courses should be offered and whether there were enough faculty to teach the courses in the major.

A working group was designed last summer under the leadership of Larry Hass, Professor of Philosophy, in order to work on the details of the potential Film Studies major. The group members included David Tafler, Associate Professor and Head of the Communication Department; Sue Curry Jansen, Professor of Communication; Franz Birgel, Associate Professor of German; Tom Cartelli, Professor of English; Francesca Coppa, Associate Professor of English; Kelly Cannon, Reference Librarian; and Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. The group developed a curriculum for the major, submitted their proposal to the Curriculum Committee and Academic Policy Committee this fall and had the revised proposal

approved by a two-thirds majority of the faculty on Jan. 20, 2006.

Although a majority of faculty members are in favor of the new Film Studies major, there are those who did not support the new program. William

Faculty members were in disagreement about how the major should be structured.

Dunham, Professor of Mathematics, voted against the new major. Dunham said, "I

believe that for all of its attractions, Film Studies holds even greater dangers."

Dunham noted two major concerns with having a Film Studies major: "Other programs at the College may decline in popularity and Film Studies could end up costing a large amount of money due to equipment demands, support staff, and space needs."

Dunham added, "Our's should not be a rich institution, and there are many programs that could benefit from an infusion of cash. When asked to divert such monies into Film Studies, I wasn't buying. For myself, here on the losing side, I'll hope for the best."

Despite the fact that some of the faculty voted against the Film Studies major, the major should finally be going into effect next year.

A search process is taking place to hire a candidate for the position of Assistant Professor of Film Studies. Over one hundred applicants have already applied for this position. Of those 100 applicants, approximately ten to 15

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Racial tensions are not as distant as once thought

Since when did a face become a black face and not just a face? This past week, *The Weekly* received emails, calls and letters accusing us of racism. Needless to say, we were baffled, offended, angry, upset and, most of all, confused. The four of us, children of the 1980s, lived through racially tense events such as apartheid in South Africa and the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles, Calif. However, at that age, the events were peripheral; we worried more about everyday occurrences like fights with our parents and kids teasing us on the playground. This week, we learned that racial tensions are not as distant as we once thought.

In the Jan. 26, 2006 issue, we omitted the name of Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Life, from the front-page article on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day Celebration. While we were troubled by how the article did not recognize the contributions she has made to the College and to this event in particular, we were unprepared for the reaction we received. Suddenly an editorial oversight became a deliberate slight and hard-working writers and editors became racists. While we saw only an error in the newspaper where we missed talking to an event's organizer, others saw this as a deliberate attempt to sabotage the College's work toward diversity.

At *The Weekly*, we do support a diverse campus. We support the work of the Multicultural Office, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, the new Diversity Statement; we support the work towards a Multicultural Center and we support the College's efforts to attract a more diverse Student Body. However, while we feel that all of these campaigns are valid, we are wary of some of the racial undertones that came to light this week. Yes, we all have different ethnic and cultural backgrounds; when asked about our ancestry some may identify with being German, some with being African, some with being Hispanic. However, at the end of the day, we're all people - just people. We hope that the College is aware that their students see a face, not a black face, not a white face, just a face.

To the Editor:

While we applaud *The Weekly's* focus on diversity and the editorial urging continued action on this front, we found it very unfortunate that the article on Muhlenberg's marvelous tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks completely omitted mentioning the one person who spearheaded this powerful program--even though she was featured as the (unnamed) speaker in the photograph on page one.

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Muhlenberg's Director of Multicultural Life for more than a decade, deserves considerable recognition for this event and her other efforts.

We are sure that the omission was not intended as a deliberate slight. However, it did represent a very disappointing lapse in reporting and editorial standards by *The Weekly* staff and we hope a future issue of *The Weekly* can redress this omission.

Last week's editorial called on all of us to continue the "hard work" of diversity. We think this is an appropriate message for all of us: administration, faculty, staff, students and *The Weekly* reporters and editors.

Randy Helm, College President
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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

After reading the article in last week's issue of *The Weekly*, "We all go sometime... Will you be ready?" I was startled. Ironically, it wasn't all that talk about death that scared me. What shocked me was the fact that one of my classmates was calling me a sinner and warning me that I'm going to spend eternity in Hell if I don't repent. That right there is some scary stuff. If the readers of Jeremy Hagan's article did not find that they themselves were liars or thieves, he made sure to let the readers know that we are all adulterers at heart. He firmly asserted that we are all guilty of breaking "holy commandments." Hagan states, "But listen to the words of Jesus: 'whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart' (Matt. 5:28)." I don't want to speak for anyone else, but as a young single male, I have certainly looked at, and lusted for, girls. So, according to Hagan, I am a sinner. And how can I save myself? Only by opening up the Gospels and repenting to God. So, what do I do if I'm a Buddhist, a Jew, an Atheist, a Muslim, a Zoroastrian, or anything else? I think Hagan would reply that I should adopt his ways.

Different views from different pews

I am certainly not trying to criticize religion. I am very happy that Hagan has strong beliefs and that he is content with them. I think following a religion is a wonderful way to find happiness in life and a great system that leads to acts of charity and kindness towards others. I am glad that Hagan wants to share his love for his religion with the rest of the College Community. I am also glad that we live in a country where Hagan is protected by Constitutional rights so he can publicize these feelings. What I don't appreciate is his use of scare tactics and images of a fiery hell to encourage me to adopt the same beliefs that he has. I would be much more receptive to a friendly conversation over a cup of coffee, or simply a friendlier, less-threatening article.

After such an outrageous article last week, I feel compelled to share my current thoughts about life. (These thoughts have been changing daily over the past few months.) Like Hagan, I totally agree that all of us will die at some point. I feel that the best part about life, however, is that we get to decide for ourselves how we want to spend our limited time here on earth. Surely the words of Jesus provide a great guide for many people about how to live their lives. I would never criticize anyone for believing the way they do. However, I believe there are many other ways to live a good life. Instead of persuading you to take the advice of others, I would like to encourage everyone to find meaning in their own way; whether it's playing Madden with your roommate, lusting after girls (respectfully) or

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To the Editor:

We are writing in response to Jeremy Hagan's "We all go sometime... Will you be ready?" in the Jan. 26, 2006 issue. We feel that this article may have caused some to conclude that his views are the commonly held beliefs of all Christians on campus. Along with numerous other students, faculty and staff, we have experienced a form of Christianity that may not have been reflected in Mr. Hagan's article.

Christians vary in views

While we find numerous points of contention within the article, our purpose in writing is to show that not all Christians are focused solely on the afterlife. To assume this would be to unfairly pigeonhole and label a diverse group of people. Christians on campus are athletes, volunteers, club members, Student Advisors, tutors, dancers, actors, pre-med. students and the list continues. In other words, they are very focused on performing good deeds in their local community, here and now. After reading and reflecting on Hagan's words, it may seem that Christianity is a textbook of rules and expectations that seem impossible to fulfill. However, the list above suggests that a good number of us are doing our best to follow His example through our everyday actions.

Most importantly, though, don't take our word for it. Talk to your friends and others on campus, have discussions, ask questions, get involved, explore your opportunities and above all, find your own understanding of God's love and forgiveness.

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To the Editor:

What you should know about recent Council events:

On Jan. 26, an article was printed in *The Weekly* entitled "Student Council forced to regroup." While factual and well-written, there is more you should know about these recent occurrences and how the voice of the Student Body has been hindered in a few ways.

As Sara Horowitz recounted in last week's article, five members of Council were relieved of their duties as elected representatives. This is a problem bearing in mind that the sanction was ultimately levied by the powers that be in Haas College Center. The Student Body spoke out last March to elect those five representatives yet their voice was quelled by these recent injunctions.

The Class of 2006 has only four votes during Council meetings while the juniors, sophomores and freshmen have eight votes each. In essence, each of the three younger classes has twice as much say as the seniors. Considering all four class years are relatively the same size at

Student Council imbalance

Muhlenberg, this imbalance in Council is unwarranted. The bylaws that govern the Student Body and Student Council say that absences from Council occurring in the fall semester shall be filled.

Of course, Council and its current leadership should be the point man in this situation, as they were elected by the Student Body for governance. They are the closest link the Student Body has to the administration and they are best suited to hear the students' voices. But Council's leadership may need some motivation if the students really want their voice heard.

Evidenced by the attendance and voting at the bonfire at the Student Body Association meeting on Dec. 5, the Student Body here at Muhlenberg does care about protecting its voice. They should not only want to protect what they have to say, but also understand the value of their \$36,000 per-year voice at this institution. To sit idle and close-lipped during times like these is saying to the administration, "You can take advantage of me and my rights, and I will not do anything about it." If you personally are unaware of the routes to take to amend this, consult your elected representatives (or at least what is left of them).

--Neil Freedman '06

To the Editor:

In response to last week's opinion about faith and Christianity, I'm responding with another view.

God does desire relationship, deep love and obedience. God's commandments are best understood as rules of engagement as we seek to live in community with God and our neighbors. God does demand that we don't lie, cheat and steal, among other

Views & paths within religion

things, so that we might fulfill our part of the covenant and live peaceably with one another. God does not need to coerce our obedience with threats of damnation because God does not need our obedience or love. God invites us into love and relationship so that we can become what we have been created to be. God invites and we can walk away but God's love does not cease. In this way, God is more accurately described as a parent; one who makes clear rules, but does not stop loving when those rules are broken.

For Christians, following the teaching of Jesus is vital, as is obe-

dience to God's law. God's law reveals our failure to live up to expectations and the brokenness in the world. God's laws drive us to the Gospel and our complete dependence on God's grace as revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Repentance is important, but it works in the heart already changed by the Holy Spirit, through the grace of God. Only God's grace revealed in resurrection has any power in redemption. We repent to remind ourselves of our failures, not to please God. The only act required of the Christian is trust in the promises of God.

For those who are not Christian, other paths to God have been revealed. The covenant that God maintains with the Jews is not superseded by the existence of Jesus Christ. Other faith traditions stake a valid claim to God's love and salvation. Rejecting such claims is the height of religious hubris and idolatry. Holy texts and personal beliefs should not be idols, worshiped ahead of the living God who is still being revealed throughout the world in many ways.

When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest command-

And the winner is... Hamas?

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The Palestinian Parliamentary elections last Tuesday were conducted in a democratic manner. Palestinian citizens came from all over to cast their votes on who would lead their government and their decision has created shockwaves around the world. The party they selected was Hamas, an organization which is classified as terrorist by the United States, Israel and the European Union.

The group is probably best known by Americans for their history of suicide bombings and killing of Israeli civilians. However, in recent years the party has looked to reform itself into a more credible option for government. Apparently, this move to reform, combined with the corruption and ineffective actions by the previous ruling party, Fatah, led to the shocking outcome at the polls.

The Israel/Palestine debate is now at a crossroads. Mixed signals have been sent by Hamas about continuing discussions for a Palestinian State neighboring Israel. However, most of Hamas' key leaders have no intention of ever recognizing Israel as a state. The charter on which Hamas ran for government calls for resistance to the Israelis, not for compromise.

Within the party there are those with a hard-line attitude towards Israel and those who have a more pragmatic approach. Whichever one eventually takes control of the party will decide the direction of the ongoing struggle in Israel. Outside of dealing with Israel, Hamas promotes a much less secular government than those it is taking over from. Palestine will most likely see a strong shift towards a more fundamentalist and religious form of government. The government will look to a more traditional and less Western style of life.

Israelis are distraught about the possibilities that now exist with Hamas in charge. Most are resigned to the fact that Palestine will never recognize their statehood in a peaceful manner. The Israeli government will continue to unilaterally move forward and establish their own borders, as they have repeatedly stated they would not sit down with Hamas unless their stance on Israel changed dramatically.

It seems that Palestinians were ready for a change. Many of them are willing to embrace a more religiously-focused lifestyle. Americans and others need to understand that some societies and some people

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Amnesty policy is nearly perfect

Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Jane was drunk. Jack brought Jane home from a party because she felt sick. Jane threw up for two hours and couldn't keep water down. Jack didn't call anyone because he didn't want to get her in trouble with the school—she was under 21. What would you do?

With the College's new Medical Amnesty Policy, a student's decision to ask for help will be easier to make. Effective this semester, this policy urges students to seek medical assistance without the fear of standing in front of a judicial committee. If a student (or a friend of the student in trouble) calls Campus Safety or Emergency Medical Services to ask for help instead of being found, immunity may be granted to the student(s) involved in the call. However, the policy is very strict. For example, the policy does NOT include the safety of entire organizations—only of the caller and the person in trouble. Also, the

policy does not cover incidences with Allentown Police Department involvement. Being transported by campus emergency vehicles can avoid this occurrence.

The College's approach to adopting an amnesty policy is very smart and, if a success, will show that the College's concern for student's safety is placed above that of the College's drive for justice. Because of the strict restrictions of the policy, the College is not condoning underage drinking. Instead, the newly effective policy shows that the College recognizes that underage students consume alcohol, just as educational institutions in the past handed out condoms to recognize that students had sex. Both instances promoted the same message: if you're going to do it, do it safely.

While the amnesty policy does lessen the boundaries between students and Campus Safety, they could be thinned even more. If Jack is aware of the amnesty policy when he is in Jane's room, he still may not

call for fear of answering questions of the night's events, such as their location or mode of acquiring the alcohol. This would cause Jack to get his and Jane's friends in trouble. The College claims that this is a policy of "immunity," but to reveal information that may condemn other students is social suicide.

The policy can be seen in a darker light as well. In an extreme case, the amnesty opportunity gives the student the chance to place false blame on a person (or even an entire organization) with whom they may have a bad history, even though the blamed party may have not had anything to do with their physical state. In order to avoid either of these situations, the amnesty policy should not include investigative questioning of the people involved in the phone call. Therefore, because amnesty is not granted immediately, students who have a case that will be reviewed in an attempt to gain amnesty should not be questioned until after the decision.

Another problem with the policy

concerns its complications. While the policy needs its various components, it may also need constant chances for students to learn about the extent of the policy. Grasping the attention of college students is obviously very hard, but cases will occur in which amnesty will not be granted to students who believed that they should have had it granted. For example, an extensive history of alcohol abuse in Campus Safety records will prohibit a student being granted amnesty.

Even though the policy has some technical issues, its principles of providing a way for students to reach out for help in an endangering alcoholic situations, show that the College does care more about the life of students than putting strikes on their record. With all of the criticism that the College receives concerning its determination to "hunt down" drunk underage students, the College has now given something back to students—that "something" may turn out to be their life.

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don't want to be "Westernized." There are people in this world who don't conceptualize modernization in the same way we do. If Hamas runs their government credibly and ceases their suicide attacks and civilian killings, now that it is a legitimate government, we have to recognize their leadership. These actions will be necessary if they want to keep receiving aid from the U.S. and Europe. America should keep encouraging compromise talks but that is as far as it should go. The Palestinian people elected their government in a democratic manner; it is now their right to be ruled by them.

The political editor of a

Saudi Arabian newspaper was quoted as saying "The West must therefore see the Islamists as people they can deal with in order to deal with our societies." If Muslim people want to live an Islamic style of life, where government is heavily influenced by religion, they deserve the chance. America and other nations must give Hamas time to prove they are willing to work as a peaceful government and see how they handle Israel. Every country in the world isn't full of people just like us; some people are happy in a lifestyle different from the American one. As long as violence against innocent people is not taking place, America needs to keep their hands off.

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ment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40, New Revised Standard Version). That's good enough for me. I applaud and encourage the free exercise of all religions as they seek the goodness and grace of God, and I appreciate the opportunity to share my views.

--Chaplain Peter Bredlau

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reading the Bible, that's your personal decision. I would like to leave you with a quote, not from the New Testament, not from the Koran, nor from the Torah. I would like to leave you with a quote from one of many things I hold sacred--*National Lampoon's Van Wilder*: "Don't take life too seriously; you'll never get out alive."

--Jason Bonder

Football rules

Paul DeMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

The closing of January means two things: one, that classes are back in full swing and students have gotten past their first week jitters due to the unfamiliarity with new classes and two, the end of football season. As a football fan myself, I feel sad knowing that for the rest of the semester my Sundays will no longer be spent in front of the T.V., watching every play of the Giants game, rooting them on or yelling obscenities at the screen when they screw up. Sports fans are not only passionate about their teams; they can be fanatical. This feverish dedication has made me come to a realization: Non-sports fans just don't understand. They look at us as if we were freaks. They wonder, "How can someone's emotions be based so heavily upon how a team does any given week?" I feel that, as human beings, we have a duty to help one another out. So I'm going to do just that. To those reading this article that are not sports fans, here are a few simple rules to remember when dealing with sports fans. Think of it as a guide book.

1. When the game is on, all bets are off (figuratively at least): For a fan, during game time there is nothing else more important than the game itself. A phone call while the game is in progress runs the severe risk of reaching voicemail instead of the fan himself. Plans may have been made for a certain time in the afternoon, but don't bank on them actually happening. If I had previously made plans with someone that conflicted with an overrunning game, I'm sorry, but I'd have to take a rain check. Don't fear, however; football occurs only one day a week, so please try to make plans accordingly.

2. When saying something important, make sure you tell them either before or after the game: Preferably, make the important announcement *after* the game. At the conclusion of a mentally draining experience, such as a last-second victory or loss, chances of recollection of your important announcement are slim at best. They may be looking at you if you tell them while the game is in progress but your voice will sound like one of the adults in the Charlie Brown cartoons.

3. Don't take it personally: I have had several experiences with friends where this rule came into play. They would be waiting around for what seemed like forever for me to come out with them to wherever we had planned on going (refer to rule #1). Finally after an excessive amount of frustration had set in after having been told to wait a little longer by me, they finally storm out and leave. While I may have pissed them off, it's not that I don't like them. All I wanted to do was watch the end of the game. Ladies, apply this to your boyfriends. Once again, it's not that he's trying to be a jerk, it's merely that he's going to be tied up longer.

Take it from me, keep these simple rules in mind and a happy coexistence with your sports fan friend/significant other will be easy. Plus, look on the bright side: with football season coming to a close, think of all the free Sundays you'll have soon.

To prevent mental stagnation, new academic awareness needed

John Dunphy
Asst. Focus Editor

Have you ever sat in class and simply wondered how the other people sitting around you got there? Or better yet, everyone has that one friend who can sit back in class without saying a word, who wouldn't be able to tell you what the class was about if they tried and yet upon receiving the grades from your latest test, you find that they have achieved a better grade than you. Is this person truly smarter than you or are they merely rehashing what they read five minutes before class and stringing it together with some miscellaneous fact that they saw on *The Simpsons* the night prior?

The College's Mission Statement states that, "Muhlenberg College aims to develop independent critical thinkers who are intellectually agile, characterized by a zest for reasoned and civil debate, knowledgeable about the achievements and traditions of diverse civilizations and cultures, able to express ideas with clarity and grace, commit-

ted to life-long learning, equipped with ethical and civic values, and prepared for lives of leadership and service." Is that what we're really doing though?

One of the definitions of the word "academic," as can be found on dictionary.com, is "scholarly to the point of being unaware of the outside world." However, it also defines "intellect" as "the ability to think abstractly and profoundly." If we train students to be academic, unaware of the outside world, then can we really be educating them in how to be intellectuals, people who are capable of abstract thought?

This is not to say that this institution is at fault or is worse than any other college or university in the country. Ever since we first entered grade school, it is pushed into our heads that we need to listen to the teacher. We need to read our books and we need to find the answers to the questions that are presented to us because we need to get a good grade. If we do not get good grades, then we will not get into college, get a job or a multitude of other

"achievements" that we may desire. Herein lies the problem. Rehashing words and phrases that have been given to us does not necessarily mean that we are becoming intellectuals. A parrot in any random pet shop can say, "Hello." This does not mean that the parrot understands the word, or that they realize the ramifications of social interactions and the emotion or reasoning behind the simple greeting.

Descartes is quoted time and time again as saying, "I think, therefore I am," but if we as a society are beating into our younger generations that free thought is not acceptable and that what should be done, what is right to do, is to repeat back to educators what they want to hear, this is not thought. Essentially, many of the people who pass through college with flying colors are nothing more than garden vegetables.

Can we fix this? If not by grades, how do we examine true intellect? The College has been very progressive since its initiative ten years ago to offer students looking at the College the option of not submitting their SATs (Standardized Achievement Test). By doing this, they are offering students who might think abstractly and who may not

color inside the lines a chance to obtain a higher education. But what about after that? I can't say that this is a constant for all classes, but for the ones which I have been a part of, the "class participation" portion of the grade is usually the smallest portion. Of course, this is to protect those individuals who feel uncomfortable speaking out in class, but what about the protection of those individuals who do not feel comfortable in a testing environment?

Once again, this is not the

fault of the College nor is it the true "fault" of any academic structure. It is the entire system that is flawed. The system is flawed from the first day of class, when we are taught "apples are red," to our final weeks of education when we learn about different mathematical formulas. Change needs to be made, and if not now, then we doom ourselves and our children to a life of middle management and mindless repetition of tasks for the rest of our lives.

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Time is
running out!

**Student Advisor applications
are due Monday, February 6.**

For an application, or more
information, stop by Dean Wilson's
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Students get advice from Kinko's founder

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Tues., Jan. 31 in Miller Forum at Moyer Hall, a few students gathered to watch a video of Kinko's founder, Paul Orfalea, which was taped at William Patterson University in Wayne, New Jersey.

Kinko's is a huge store which sells supplies for school, the office, the home and makes photo copies. According to the information presented in the video, "there are 1200 Kinko's located worldwide." The first Kinko's was located in Santa Barbara, Calif.

In *Fortune* magazine, Kinko's was named one of the top 100 Best Communities to Work for in America for three years in a row. The success of Kinko's began when Orfalea was a student at the University of Santa Barbara and had been assigned to work on a group project. His job was to make




photocopies of the completed project. At a store, he was forced to wait in a very long line in the heat. From that experience, he got the idea to open his own photocopy place, one which would be more satisfactory to customers' needs. Once he opened his store and it proved successful, he expanded it by selling paper and pens. After that, the store flourished.

Orfalea's philosophy of managing such a successful business is pretty simple. He goes by the motto, "managers are to remove obstacles" and also, "don't overmanage your people!" Since most of the students who chose to watch this video were business majors, they tried to soak in all of his words of advice. One piece of advice he gave was, "you decide what business you want to go into and then you change your style." Orfalea has a very laid back management style that has proved extremely successful.

Omission:

In the Jan. 26 issue of *The Weekly*, Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig's name was omitted from the article, "The College celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" and the accompanying photo caption. Dr. Drayton-Craig organized this celebration and coordinated the events that occurred at the College that day. We regret this omission.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 32	High: 49 Low: 38	High: 42 Low: 25

Library searches for a new Director

By Amanda Glassman
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The search is on for a new Director of Trexler Library as Tom Gaughan, the former Director, left on Dec. 20, 2005. Taking on the role of Interim Director is Martha Stevenson, who has agreed to serve during the search for a new Director. In the past, she has served as Head of Public Services at the library.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, believes, "She is a fine manager, oriented toward excellence in serving patrons and in managing both the public parts of the library (reference, circulation, Interlibrary loan) and the behind-the-scenes operations (acquisitions, cataloging, information systems, etc.)."

In mid-February, there will be a national search for the new Director. The job ad will be placed in paper

publications, as well as online sources. Wilson will serve as the Chair of the search committee. The committee, made up of faculty, administrators and library staff, will begin by examining the current job description. From there, they can decide what updates are needed to improve the library, as well as the College. The committee will accept input from students,

administration and faculty. Trexler Library is essential to the educational experience at the College. The new library director will need to know about all aspects of the library, and be able to help others when needed. It is also important to be able to understand and manage the challenges of the constant changes and improvements of technology, especially

for library resource purposes. Another important quality in a library Director is to be an excellent communicator, who can interact well with everyone on-campus and off."

There are no exact requirements set up yet for choosing a new Director. The evaluation of the current position will specify requirements for the future position. Wilson concluded by saying, "The committee will do its best to pull all the ideas together to search for the best library director for Trexler Library."



The search is on for a new Director of the Library, the entrance of which is shown above.

PHOTO BY SARA HOROWITZ

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown pet owners get their dogs trained

Two professional dog trainers, Robyn Achey and Bill Gorton, held a dog training session on Sat., Jan. 28, 2006. The presentation took place at the annual dog show in Allentown. About 50 people and 15 dogs were present at the session, where they listened to the two owners of the Tall Tails Dog Obedience School.

One couple brought their three-year-old dog so that they could learn why he treats other dogs so aggressively. The show also included presentations about diet, rare breeds and seeing-eye dogs. About 40 different dog clubs were also at the session to advise people on what type of dog would best satisfy their needs and suit the environment. About 4,000 people attended this session with their dogs, making it a success.

A day of prayer and learning for Allentown residents

For several years the College's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding has been holding a Day of Dialogue where people learn about the similarities between Judaism and Christianity. On Sun., Jan. 29, Muslims joined in this day for the first time in its history. One of the differences discussed was that Christians set aside Sundays for spiritual reflection, whereas Jews set aside Saturday for Shabbat and Muslims set aside Friday as the holiest day of the week.

Each person who attended the Day of Dialogue was asked to attend services of a religion other than his own in the next three months. Faith United Church of Christ in Allentown will offer services for other religions on Mar. 26. There will also be a ceremony held on Apr. 24.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Communication class creates an Allentown Travel Guide

By Scott Kramer
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

To many of the College's students, Allentown beyond the campus remains an unknown. It was the mission of the Fall 2004 Print Production course, taught by Jefferson Pooley, Instructor of Communication, to open the students' eyes as to what Allentown has to offer. The class worked for over a semester to put together a travel guide of Allentown titled, *Living Here in Allentown*. It will be published and distributed to the College's students this week.

"Our idea was to pull students out of the 'Muhlenberg social bubble' and show them what lies outside the boundaries of the Muhlenberg campus," said Melanie Zachariades '06, a member of the class that put together the travel guide together.

Zachariades explained how they went about putting the project in motion. "We took many tours of Allentown to learn about its history, and we also read many travel guides to see how they are written," said Zachariades. "We wanted the book to be very user-friendly, aimed at Muhlenberg students and people who are new to the area."

Pooley explained that he saw the need for the book because of his experience as a Harvard University undergraduate and as a Columbia University graduate student. According to Pooley, both of these colleges published student-written guide books that were widely used by the community.

"A Muhlenberg book seemed especially important, if only because of the infamous Muhlenberg bubble and the relative estrangement of the campus from the city's downtown," said Pooley.

The 116-page book looks and reads just like a normal travel guide. Among other things, it features reviews of 67 restaurants, 25 bars and clubs, 53 entertainment attractions and 37 stores. Included with each review is the address and phone number of the attraction. The students took into consideration the fact that the College's freshman are not allowed to have a car on campus by putting the drive time to each place from the Campus next to the review, giving students an idea of how far away it is.

"I remember coming to Muhlenberg as a freshman and having no idea what lay beyond the campus," said Zachariades, "and we all felt that this would be a great way to show incoming

freshman what there is to do in Allentown."

After splitting the class up into the different sections that would make up their travel guide, the students went to each restaurant and attraction and then wrote a review about it, which was then edited and graded.

"We had various authors of travel guides come into class to help us grasp the concept of writing travel guides," said Kate Hullfish '07, one of the writers and photographers for the book. Given that the book is intended to be read by college students, the class made sure to recommend the best places for a first date, taking photographs, curing insomnia, making out and more.

According to Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, the guide will be given, free of charge, to all of the College's students and will be sent out to all students who have been admitted to the College. The class is confident that the travel guide will burst the College bubble and show students what lies beyond the red doors.

Hullfish said, "I feel special being a part of such a project because of what it is capable of doing to both the Muhlenberg community as well as Allentown."

2006-2007 Presidential Assistant Positions announced!



Information Sessions

Mon., February 6

or

Thurs., February 9

@ 4:30PM

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A part-time, entry-level manager on campus. Openings are available in the following departments for 2006-2007:

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Public Relations, Academic Support, Alumni Relations,
Residential Services, Theatre/Development,
Wescoe School, and Student Activities.*

What else should you know?

Jobs are approximately 20 hours per week. In exchange students receive free tuition equal to half-time course load and a monthly stipend. Presidential Assistants must live OFF-CAMPUS. Most seniors may not be eligible (because you are graduating), but tell a friend.

Can't make the sessions?

Stop by the OCPD for information packets.
(Lower Level, Seegers Union)

FILM STUDIES

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will come to campus in February in order to be interviewed in front of faculty and students.

The film studies program will be a nine-course interdisciplinary program, including a full array of courses in film history, methods of analysis, film genres, national cinemas, and film production. All film majors are required to take at least one film production course. An emphasis will be put on world cinemas with the focus on diversity and a knowledge of cultures of the world.

The genres of film that will be studied include Brazilian, German and Asian cinema.

Cartelli said, "We also hope to use the program to

Film is a very compelling market, and I think it's about time Muhlenberg had a film studies major.

Marshal Slayton '08

create a campus film culture that will offer students the opportunity to sample a rich and wide variety of films of the past and present which are not available at the local cineplex."

Marshall Slayton '08 said, "Film is a very compelling market, and I think it's about time Muhlenberg had a Film Studies major."



CHEFS FARE 2006

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Tuesday, February 14.....

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 23 - Harassment - In Brown Hall, two students reported receiving harassing phone calls from Walz Hall. There are currently no suspects.

Jan. 24 - Sick Student - A male student was found vomiting in Walz Hall after reacting to drugs. He was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 25 - An African-American male, between the ages of 18 and 22, was found looking into the front window of 318 Albright Street. He had black hair, glasses and a slender, round face. When the students saw him, he fled. The area was searched and the man has not yet been found.

Jan. 25 - Theft - Someone broke into storage units in Tremont Apartments and stole items. No students reported having anything stored there.

Jan. 25 - Hit and Run - A student parked her car on Albright Street. The next day she reported that her side mirror was damaged. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 26 - Sexual Assault - A John Doe report was filed concerning sexual assault on campus.

Jan. 26 - Vehicle Violation - A student's car was found with excessive tickets. The individual is arranging to pay the fines, which total \$1230.

Jan. 26 - Theft - A student reported that her bike was missing from a rack outside of Brown Hall. The bike was found in the storage area of Campus Safety. It is unknown how the bike got there.

Jan. 26 - Alcohol Paraphernalia - Kegs were located in 429 N. 23rd Street while staff members from Plant Operations and Residential Services were checking the facility for summer repairs projects. This was reported to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 26 - A student left her belongings outside of the third floor Trexler Pavilion dance studio. Her i-Pod was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 26 - A student injured

her ankle in dance class in the Trexler Pavilion. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 26 - Fight In Progress - There was a disturbance between students at the Sunoco Gas Station on Hamilton Street. The groups were separated. No one was identified.

Jan. 26 - Check Welfare - A student reported a concern about the welfare of another student.

Jan. 27 - Underage Alcohol - A female student around 18 or 19 was found in the Seegers Union bathroom vomiting from alcohol consumption and crying. She was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 27 - The Allentown Police Department arrested student Chris Catania '06 for public drunkenness. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Vandalism - A carpenter found graffiti written in red marker in the Trumbower basement. A work order was written so that the graffiti is removed.

Jan. 27 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student hit another student's vehicle in the parking lot at 26th and Chew Streets. Scuff marks were found on the car.

Jan. 27 - Harassment - A student reported that pictures of her were posted online without her knowledge or permission. She asked the other student to remove the pictures and they were not removed. When asked again, the pictures were removed. The matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Underage Alcohol - A Resident Advisor found students bringing beer into a room in Prosser Hall. Upon entering the room, the Resident Advisor found the alcohol and identified the individuals. The individuals were referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 28 - Underage Alcohol - An 18 year-old male student showed up to the 19th Street Theater intoxicated. He was brought back to campus and transported to the hospital.

Jan. 28 - Vandalism - A Resident Advisor found a

hole punched in the wall in Prosser Hall. Plant Operations fixed the hole. No suspects have yet been found.

Jan. 28 - Underage Alcohol - James Corbett '09, a student who had gotten in trouble earlier in the night for an alcohol violation, harassed his Resident Advisor. He was cited and arrested for underage consumption by the Allentown Police Department.

Jan. 28 - Sick Student - A student was running a fever, crying and hallucinating in Prosser Hall. She was transported ambulance to the hospital for care.

Jan. 28 - False ID - While investigating another incident at 2216 Chew Street, a false ID was found. A follow-up is being conducted.

Jan. 29 - Sick Student - A student in East Hall reported trouble breathing and pains in his side. He was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 2241 Liberty Street due to cooking.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Robinson pulls off an unbeatable, Crusoe-like feat

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

It's Friday night and instead of partying and gallivanting around campus, many of the students of the College are gathered in The Red Door. "Why?" one may ask. A look through the rows of heads can provide you with an answer: Keith Robinson.

Opening earlier this year for Colin Quinn, many who attended the show believed Robinson to be the superior performer who outshone the big name. Last Friday, he held his own one man stand up routine, once again displaying his powerful stage presence and energetic, fast-paced wit.

The Oprah Winfrey and James Frey verbal duel was the first issue Robinson brought to the audience. He ranted and raved about the public smashing Frey received, laughing the whole time and concluding with "Shit, you got caught, bitch--that's what happens..." He completely agreed with Winfrey's assault yet found humor in the situation, whereas Winfrey decided to give way to her emotions and tear up.

Winfrey's emotional break down exemplified the main point Robinson attempted to address the entire night: people are too sensitive. When he said this, the audience was silent, save for one lone person who decided it was clap-worthy. Robinson's declaration of

strength and resilience served as the theme for the rest of the night. He discussed his son who, though only ten, is a pervert. With a devilish gleam in his eyes Robinson proudly exclaimed, "I was a pervert. Guys are perverts. My son is a little pervert."

Throughout his performance, Robinson was not scared to face uncomfortable issues and address them truthfully. From Bush and gay marriage to trivial stories such as Paris Hilton's shenanigans, he asked the audience to toughen up. He claimed that the women of the world are teaching their children to be wimps through their sensitive raising habits. He referred to the overwhelming number of obese children in the United States: "Don't be nice," he said, "Be mean cause they'll stop." These same sensitive women judge the world instead of laugh at it like their male counterparts.

But aside from its serious undertones, Robinson delivered a gut-wrenching, make-my-stomach hurt kind of performance. Awry with attitude-filled student helpers, sporadic witty rebuttals from audience members and a mic that refused to stay on, Robinson held his own. Students related to his sharp humor and up-to-date joke topics.

Although some students believe both of his performances are equal in genius repertoire, others think



Keith Robinson cracks up the crowds with his blunt nature and down to earth approach.

PHOTO BY JENN SHERLOCK

his September appearance exceeded that of the one in The Red Door. Justin Gerstley '07 said, "I thought he was funny but he used a lot of the same material as last year. I also thought it was rude when students interrupted him during his performance. It's not polite to heckle the heckler."

Some of his humor was quite crude and could be offensive if taken in a serious light. But then again, that was the point of his show, to not take things so seriously and to look at the world in a lighter way.

In general, comedians are rude and gross. It is the type of humor that brings in the laughs partially because the audience feels so awkward that they don't know what else to do. Robinson utilized this human defense mechanism when talking about relationships. He brought up the very successful book *He's Just Not That Into You*, pointing out that a girl would have to be an idiot not to realize a boy doesn't like her when she calls him fifty times and receives no calls in return. He

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOUR LIVING SPACE HAD A NAME WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"It would be called 'The Play Pen.'"

- Julia Bushe '09



"The Shuttle Depot, because we're always on the go!"

- Brooks Boyer, Campus Safety



"Mine would be called 'The Cella Cellar.'"

- Scott Cella '08



"It would definitely be called 'The Greenhouse.'"

- Greg Lichtman '07 & Mike Katz '07



"My living space would be called 'Woody's.'"

- Katie Thomas '06

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Rent: a distorted mirror image of what was once Broadway

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

From middle school until about my freshman year of college, I can recall a sort of cult bond amongst the artsy kids that revolved mainly around the soundtrack to the Broadway show *Rent*. I saw the musical (though not in its virgin run), when I was in high school.

Rent did not live up to my expectations. Though it was a good rendering of the play and the movie creates the same sort of excitement, I think viewers of the movie remake miss the excitement of the play and may wonder what all the commotion is about.

The original play, *Rent*, is a modern take on Puccini's classic opera *La Boheme*. *Rent* also won an Obie Award, a New York Drama Critics Award, four Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards and the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. There have been other attempts of classic story remakes. Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* was successfully remade into the movie *Ten Things I Hate About You*. This idea of remaking a play is a great way to provide a compelling story line as well as subtle exposure to the classics.

What drew in old fans of the musical was the casting, which included original members of the 1996 show. As someone who saw

the show later in its run on Broadway, I enjoyed seeing the original cast members in the movie. The cast consists of Taye Diggs in the role of Benjamin "Benny" Coffin III, Wilson Jermaine Heredia as Angel Schunard, Jesse L. Martin as of Thomas B. "Tom" Collins, Idina Menzel as Maureen Johnson, Adam Pascal as Roger Davis and Anthony Rapp as Mark Cohen. As new members to the show, Rosario Dawson and Tracie Thoms do a fantastic job. They definitely make their presence known and are not upstaged by the original cast members.

I felt like I got to experience what captivated the *Rent*-heads that I grew up with. The only downside that I felt was that these are mostly stage actors. You can see that, like performing on stage, they are giving 110 percent, which is both endearing and a little over-the-top for the movie version.

The movie was released in its screen version on Nov. 11, 2005. It was produced for Revolution Studios by Robert DeNiro and Jane Rosenthal and 1492 Pictures and was directed by Chris Columbus. To Columbus' credit, he revived the long-stalled project from years of development problems and he also had to live up to the high expectations of the Broadway show's fan base. Considering this, Columbus deserves much praise.

"When we learned that Chris Columbus was going to be directing *Rent*, we were thrilled beyond belief," said Julie Larson, sister of the original playwright Jonathan Larson. "Everyone involved with the production has become part of our ever-expanding family, and we are all delighted that this movie will be the next chapter in the continuing legacy of Jonathan's vision" (About.com).

Columbus has lived up to the task of rendering original works to appease masses of avid fans before (Hollywood.com). He directed *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Overall, *Rent* is a good rendering of '90s cult phenomena that was started with the original play. It reminds the viewer of the tragic AIDS epidemic that continues on today but has recently been overshadowed by other pressing issues such as war. It is a reminder of the emotional side of the epidemic and an issue that effects us on a national and personal level.

This new movie, *Rent*, is a visual and emotional reminder that there are no over-arching facts, no statistics, no one to blame for not addressing the issue thoroughly enough, just the story of those who are infected with the disease and their day-to-day struggle.

The "Queen" brings flavors of the Middle East to Allentown

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

In the mood for a new flavor in town? Venture past the restaurants on Cedar Crest Boulevard and try Gyros Queen Restaurant, on Liberty Street past Maingate and the Cedar Crest Hospital. Sure, it might not be in the best part of town but the food is well worth it; just don't go alone (to be on the safe side).

When you first walk into the restaurant you might think it looks like a dive because the decor is non-existent, but if you're a fan of Greek and Middle Eastern food then you can't go wrong eating there. They have a very extensive menu full of appetizers, salads, hot and cold subs, pita sandwiches, burgers and of course, gyros and kabobs.

If you like appetizers, they have great traditional Greek appetizers such as baba ganoush, hummus, spinach pie and falafel. If you are still following your New Year's reso-

lution to eat healthier, they have incredible salads such as the Greek salad (obviously), Tabbouleh salad, chicken kabob salad (which I highly recommend) and the Gyros Greek salad.

Also, if you're not in the mood for meat or are a vegetarian, they have many vegetarian-friendly dishes. They also have a very traditional Middle Eastern item called Shawarma, which is chicken or lamb with grilled onions and tomato over rice with pita and cucumber sauce. It might not seem appealing, but it really is tasty.

Not only does this restaurant have amazing food, but the prices are very reasonable. Appetizers range from \$3.00 to \$7.00, sandwiches and gyros are between \$5.00 and \$7.00, and kabob dinners range from \$10.00 to \$14.00. It is a fairly new restaurant and is not very popular as yet. Reservations are not needed if you are dining in and the service is generally quick. Gyros Queen

Restaurant is a family-owned restaurant and the waitress staff is very personable and obliging.

Once you eat the food and converse with the staff, you forget about the worn tables and chairs and have a very enjoyable experience, although the surroundings are bland and bare.

Gyros Queen Restaurant does deliver, with a minimum purchase of \$20.00, but just order take-out with a group of friends and that should cover the minimum cost. You can call ahead and go pick up the food as well. They hold private parties at the restaurant which includes belly dancers, so if you plan on eating there call ahead to make sure there isn't a private gathering going on.

The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. If you're tired of eating at the Garden Room and ordering pizza, try some new ethnic food in town and go to Gyros Queen Restaurant.

Carmike Weekend Listings



When A Stranger Calls

Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Something New

Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Glory Road

Fri. 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
Sat. 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
Sun. 4:10, 7:05, 9:45

The End of the Spear

Fri. 1:35, 4:05
Sat. 1:35, 4:05
Sun. 1:35, 4:05

Nanny McPhee

Fri. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sat. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sun. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Underworld Evolution

Fri. 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 4:15, 7:10, 9:40

Annapolis

Fri. 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
Sat. 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
Sun. 4:15, 7:10, 9:45

The Matador

Fri. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sat. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sun. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Big Momma's House 2

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

The mystery of man: A woman's guide to college's most foul prey

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

With so many eligible men on this campus, you need to be aware that there are certain ones that you need to avoid. They can be very difficult to identify and distinguish from the regular college population and even each other. Here is your guide to identifying these not-so-appealing creatures.

1. The Man Slut.

This guy only has two requirements for a potential mate: that you have a vagina and are breathing. Man Slut is very attractive and has a sexual appetite that never will be satisfied. He has hooked up with approximately half the females on this campus. He seems nice enough at first: affectionate, passionate, sexy. He might even suggest breakfast in the morning or watching a movie. This is a ploy.

Man Slut wants one thing and one thing only and will do whatever it takes to get it. Early in the morning, he will make excuses to leave

but says that he'll call you later. This is a lie because Man Slut is too interested in his next conquest to bother with school work and he doesn't have your number because he never asked for it. After that, you may see him on campus, where he will be polite, but don't expect a relationship or even another breakfast.

2. The Shady Penis.

Now you may be asking yourself, "Aren't Man Slut and Shady Penis the same thing?" Now these two types of men are very similar, but there is a big difference. While Man Slut will say hello to you on campus after your encounter, Shady Penis will disappear completely. He will duck, twist and hide to avoid you and, if you do end up seeing each other, what results is an unbelievably awkward exchange.

Penis will probably leave in the middle of the night without waking you up. He is an experienced lover and will show you a good time, but

he is a man of few words. I bet you'll never hear from him after your night of passion.

3. Incredibly Inappropriate and/or Stupid T-Shirt Guy.

While writing this column, I am not trying to identify specific people, but in this case, I need to share with you the most disgusting example of this kind of guy I have ever seen. I was at Lupo's last weekend, and I don't know if this was a College student or a townie, but this kid had on a bright yellow t-shirt that read "I 'Heart'" and then a picture of a beaver shaving. I was mortified!

This guy not only has terrible fashion sense but no shame whatsoever. He thinks that wearing this shirt will attract women, but mostly he's just going to get other Incredibly Inappropriate and/or Stupid T-shirt Guys to come up and comment on his T-shirt.

4. Way Over-Groomed Guy.

Hair is supposed to be soft. You are supposed to be able to run your

fingers through it. It should smell like hair. Hair is not supposed to make crunching sounds when you touch it. It's not supposed to be shock resistant and it should not reek of chemicals. I am all for male grooming, but gel is not to be lathered in hair like shampoo.

Also, cologne is to be used sparingly. A bottle should not be gone by the end of the weekend. The Way Over-Groomed Guy is terribly self-absorbed and cares mostly about himself and his hair. He waxes parts of the male body that were never meant to be hairless. Dating this guy means you will always be competing with the man for the mirror.

If you are thinking of dating one of these men, please think long and hard before you do. The one thing these men all have in common is that they are set in their habits and are resistant to any kind of change. Just keep your eyes open and your senses keyed up for these illusive creatures. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

Poker pro comedian hits the jackpot and wins applause from the audience

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! WRITER

What do comedy, mind-reading and poker have to do with each other? Typically, not that much, but last Saturday night these three topics combined to form a dynamite mix: Arron Fisher, also known as "The Poker Pro," performed at 10:00 p.m. in The Red Door.

Fisher provided a great show that both he and the crowd got into and enjoyed. Fisher proved to be a master of all three trades and his presentation really made the crowd react to what was going on. Although the crowd wasn't huge, it seemed to make the show better and a little more intimate. His skill at involving the audience in his tricks expanded the feeling of a private show and put the audience at ease.

He was a very expressive performer, facially and physically involving himself in the acts. Fisher's hands constantly moved while he talked and did his tricks. All of his gestures kept you interested in what he was saying, and it also added to the difficulty in breaking through the illusions of his magic. Watching his hands while he was doing the tricks made the feats seem all the more impossible.



Ryan Kurtis '09 poses with "The Poker Pro" Arron Fisher for a photo after performing in his show.

PHOTO BY JENN SHERLOCK

Part of his show was a series of card tricks involving gambling and magic. These were not just any kind of card tricks either. Fisher's performance required the giant playing

cards, though he did make use of smaller ones as well. His whole show provided a new twist on magic which included the current poker craze that is streaming

through campuses.

Besides doing several illusions on his own, he also used the audience to help him. There were three boys who were asked to help out on one of Fisher's tricks. This particular trick involved turning the boys into "slot machines" and letting them decide on what kind of slot machine they wanted to be. Fisher then put bags around boys' necks and then offered them the choice of being a bell, a plum, a cherry or a bar. Once the boys chose, Fisher miraculously pulled their choices out of their individual bag.

One of the boys who helped out was Ryan Kurtis '09. Kurtis said, "I had a great time being on stage with him during one of his tricks." He also said that in general "the comedian was really good, his combination of gambling and card tricks were some of the funniest illusions I've ever seen. He involved the audience very well and everyone definitely had a good time."

It was amazing how he could involve comedy with the poker tricks because it took the magic to a whole new level. This magician and his performance was far from the stereotypical black hat and bunny routine. It was a mature and sophisticated magic.

horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

Make sure you go out of your way to help others this week. You've got something big going on in your life right now--maybe you are waiting for the results of an application or some huge opportunity. You'll make a strong impression on others who will pass the word and really work in your favor this week. So break out of your daily routines and make a difference in some other people's lives this week.

Taurus

So lately you've been the wet blanket to everyone you've been around. You know...the party pooper. I'm not sure you've been aware of it, but let me tell you...you are. So now is the time to show them that wild side! Plan a party this weekend and get ready to have some fun. Do something silly and make a fool of yourself. Make everybody laugh this weekend and change their idea of you!

Gemini

You're a pretty deep person and like to take your time with the big decisions. Lately, you've been thinking about starting over on something really important. Maybe it's something to do with deciding your major. Remain true to yourself and really think about what you want to do. Others you talk to might try and sway your decision, but this has to be your real desire because you won't get another chance.

Cancer

You've been on cloud nine this whole week. Your dreams are coming true right before your very eyes, finally! While all the good stuff that is going on, just make sure that you tend to some of those basic but important details you might have overlooked this past week. Don't stop enjoying the moment, because you've worked hard and deserve it, but try and keep at least one foot on the ground.

Leo

You've really struggled with something lately. Finally got knocked a peg or two down in some area of your life. Now is the time to forget it! Pick yourself up and go treat yourself to something. Wear your favorite clothing, eat your favorite foods and be with the people who appreciate you for who you are. Before you know it you'll be back to the egotistical person you always were!

Virgo

Keep your senses open this weekend. People are trying to tell you something but no one wants to say it directly. You can try directly asking what's going on but if you start to feel like you didn't get a straight answer or not the whole picture, then start paying attention to their body language. It might be difficult but if you really open your eyes for awhile you might get something out of it.

Libra

You're going to crave the 'comfortable' this weekend. That means it's time to break out the sweats again and get a little home-cooking--if you can, that is. If not, you might be stuck with the "home-cooked" Garden Room option of the day. If you're stuck on option two, then at least try and go out and treat yourself however you can. Get that new clothing item that you've had your eye on or get Coldstone. Mmmmmmmmm.

Scorpio

You know all the right people in the right places. Now is the time to cash in all those favors you're owed or call on all the people you know to get a favor from them. After all, it is your time of need. Don't think of it as an unfair advantage to all your competitors--after all, you have worked your butt off making all those corrections and getting to where you are today. Call those favors in and let the good times roll!

Sagittarius

Let's face it, sometimes at the end of the night after having had a bit of fun, your "passion" gets the better of you. You know what I'm talking about, that urge to "really bond" with the person who has been sitting on your lap for the past hour. This weekend let's try and change that particular habit. With a little self-control those "inappropriate involvements" might just not happen this weekend. At least, here's hoping.

Capricorn

You know that Incomplete from last semester you still have? Yeah, about that. You gotta get crackalackin', kiddo. Enough lazing on the Seegers Union and library couches and telling yourself one more latte from Java Joe's will give you that kick to finally finish it. Think of what you can do with all your free time once you're done--spring is coming, and you need your time to get in shape for Frisbee Golf and more lazing.

Aquarius

Ah, the stress of this semester has finally kicked in as you face your first test of the semester. Those familiar jitters will come zooming back to you and in a rush of sweats and hot-flashes you will think you are prematurely experiencing menopause. Breathe a sigh of relief my fickle friend, you aren't instantly aging--just suffering the results of being ill prepared.

Pisces

Now that your parole officer is off your back, it's time to let loose. Sure, you're a spring athlete but you find the appeal of Schedule One controlled substances a great way to celebrate after a long meet or game. However, don't let the shallow glamour of drug use fool you. Using and abusing could ruin your future. Take it slow and easy cowboy, don't let those drugs ride you.

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believed that men do many things for women and all they get in return is a "pat on the head" instead of what they really want.

Keith Robinson was a solid performer capable of bringing a large crowd and keeping them there. With his contagious laugh continually ringing in the sometimes dead mic, no wonder he was a hit.

Ever dream of finding your own Superman? In the meantime, be the Lois Lane he's going to want!

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Inferno in Her Heart and Legs

Mule Profile--Jackie Inverso

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

For a sport that has generally been considered individualized, track & field produces very team-oriented athletes. Junior Jacquelyn Inverso is a prime example.

Participating in the National Collegiate Association of Athletics (NCAA) last year for indoor track & field, Inverso is a member of the indoor track and field team but she is most proud of the improvements from each member of the team. "We really have come a long way since last year," said Inverso. "It's mainly due to the hard work and dedication of everyone on the team."

The Mules are already at the top of their rankings compared to where they were last year at this point in the season. Even though the indoor track & field team finished second in the Centennial Conference (CC) in 2005, the outdoor women's team, with virtually the same athletes, took the CC crown to the Eastern College Athletics Conference (ECAC) and placed 21st. Last year's improvement rose just as high from the 2004 CC Indoor Championships in which the team finished fourth. "We have such an incredible amount of talent this year, giving much credit to our freshmen," said Inverso. "We are strong in all areas of the sport. Distance, jumps, throws, sprints. You name it, we're strong in it."

Inverso also credits Head Coach

Brad Hackett and Assistant Coaches Welles Lobb, Karen Buchanan and Susan Wallace-Lowell for the advancements that the team has made. "Our coaches have allowed each individual area to succeed."

There's no doubt that Inverso loves to discuss the success of the team thus far, but she has some notable individual achievements over the course of her three years at the College as well.

In her first collegiate meet, she won the high jump, placed second in the triple jump and tied for fifth in the long jump. During CC Championships of her first year, Inverso became the first female at the College to win Most Outstanding Performer honors for field events as well as the first to win two events at a Conference meet (high jump and triple jump). With her Conference measurement of 36-11 in 2004, Inverso currently holds the College's indoor track triple jump record, which she set and broke twice that season.

Inverso also holds the outdoor track triple jump record at 36-4, which she set last season at CC Championships. During the second home indoor track meet, Inverso took first in the triple jump, which will send her to the ECACs for the third consecutive year.

Inverso's success at the collegiate level stems from her track & field beginnings as an eighth-grader in Warrington, Pa. "I competed in outdoor track and had much success," said Inverso. The following



Junior Jackie Inverso qualified for the ECACs last weekend in the triple jump.

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year she moved on to Central Bucks East High School where she was captain her final year for indoor and outdoor track. She also ran cross country for two years.

Even though she participated in sprinting and jumping events in high school, she chose to concentrate on the triple, long and high jumps as well as the hurdles. Inverso gives her heart to the triple jump. "My favorite event by far is the triple jump," said Inverso. "Both in high school and college, that's always where my concentration's been." Inverso's concentration has also been in the classroom. As a Spanish major and Secondary Education concentration, Inverso

went to Sevilla, Spain last semester for a multicultural education. However, she hopes to return to a local area after graduation. "I would like to be a Spanish teacher at either middle or high school," said Inverso. "I hope to teach in a school district close to home."

Because of her time abroad, Inverso qualified for the ECACs with only one week of practice. With all of her accomplishments, you will never find her talking about them, rather, she prefers to comment on the dynamics of her team. "Our team is extremely talented and close," said Inverso. "We all get along great and respect what each other is trying to accomplish."

DID YOU KNOW?

The first recorded Olympic champion was Coroebus of Elis, a cook, who won the sprint race in 776 BC.

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WRESTLING

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before in my four years, so it's extremely exciting to have the matches participated in this season

feel more meaningful than they usually do." The Mules' next match will be held on Wed., Feb 1. The College will be away at Ursinus College. The match begins at 7:00 pm.



Junior Matt Loesch conquers a Ursinus College opponent.

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Mules shine at home meet

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

On Jan. 27 the College hosted its second indoor track meet, yielding strong performances from many athletes. With 19 individuals and relays that finished or tied for first, the College captured the coveted first place position

at the Muhlenberg Indoor Invitational. The Mules, who had nearly as many competitors as all of the other teams combined, went 1-2-3 in seven events.

In the overall team scoring, the women surpassed second-place DeSales College by 140 points to take the win. The men beat DeSales College by 26 points.

Junior Jacquelyn Inverso was the top overall performer for the College, with her first place finish in the

triple jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap, her tie for first in the high jump and her second place finish in the long jump.

Sophomore Joel Haddock took first place in the high jump. He also won the long jump.

In the field events, Junior Matthew Salliese won the shot put by more than four feet. This gives him an indoor career-best distance of 45 and a half feet, placing him fourth on the College's All-Time list for shot put.

Juniors Steve Rothwell, Lex Mercado and Tim Seeley paced each other in the 1,500 and let the photo finish determine the winner. The end result was that Rothwell, who paced the final laps, finished 0.01 of a second ahead of Mercado with Seeley just 0.13 back.

For the women, Senior

Matthew Salliese won the shot put by more than

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD



Sophomore Jenna Lombardi races against an opponent during the distance medley relay at a recent meet.

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Danielle Seiler, Freshman Amanda Martini and Sophomore Emily Karel finished 1-2-3 respectively in

the 200 meter race. Senior track meet is the Muhlenberg Multi, which will be held on Friday in

The College's next indoor Memorial Hall.

MEN

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game with a minute and a half remaining. However, Dickinson's defense prevented him from even getting a shot attempt. "I didn't even realize that I had eight threes," said Huber. "I wasn't going to force up a shot just to get the record. I didn't want to jeopardize my team's lead. My team will always come first and before my own personal goals and accomplishments." Huber finished the game with a career-high 29 points.

"I was in a groove and found a rhythm," said Huber. "I really owe it to my teammates for finding me for open looks." Huber wasn't the only one who shot well in the second half. The entire Mules' squad shot 62.1 percent from the field and 72.7 percent from three-point zone.

Four Mules players ended up in double figures this game. Despite playing limited minutes due to foul trouble, Junior Jeff Stewart had 12 points and 11 rebounds, his tenth double-double of the season. Joining Stewart and Huber with double figures scoring numbers were O'Brien, with 12 points, and Junior Tom Scott, with 11 points. The Mules defeated Dickinson 85-66.

Playing on the road hasn't been successful for the Mules this season. With only one road game

win prior to Saturday, the Mules hoped to end this streak with their game at Gettysburg College against the Bullets.

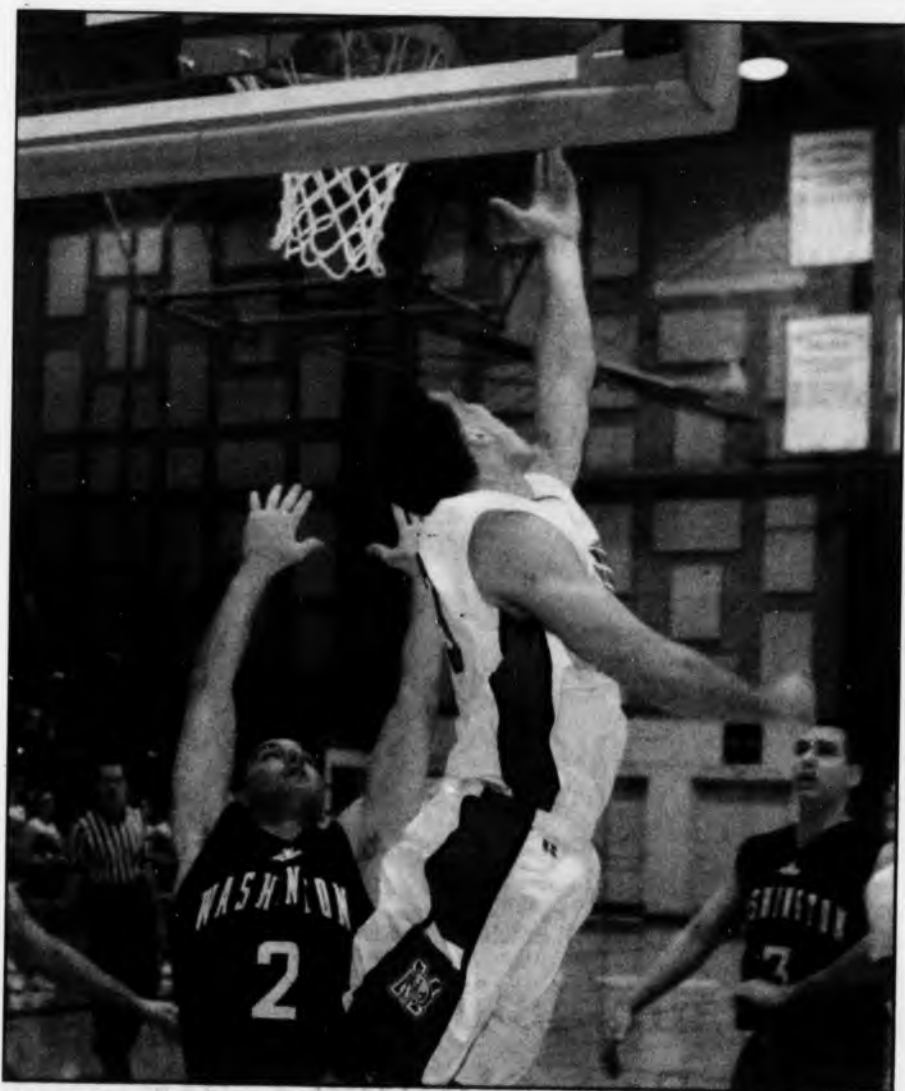
The game was a battle from start to finish. The Mules took their first lead of the game on a foul shot from Stewart with 5:45 to go in the game. With under two minutes remaining, Huber made a three-pointer to give the Mules a 52-51 lead.

The three-pointer was the last basket the Mules would score as the Bullets converted on two Mules turnovers. The Bullets converted on late game free throws to seal the win for Gettysburg.

"An unfortunate aspect of our team is that we have trouble staying composed on the road," said Scott. "Our team loves playing at home, and it definitely shows in the number of wins. However, when we are on the road, mentally we just can't get into a rhythm right away."

Stewart, the only Mule in double figures, scored 26 points, retrieved 11 rebounds, had two blocks and came up with four steals. However, Stewart's impressive effort wasn't enough as the Bullets won 58-52.

The Mules' next contest is Saturday at Franklin and Marshall College. The Mules play at Memorial Hall again on Feb. 6 against opponent DeSales University in a game that will begin at 8:00 p.m.



Junior Tom Scott, a co-Captain, sinks a basket against opponent Washington College.

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Winning streak snapped but Mules bounce back

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) released a statistics report in the beginning of last week that listed the Mules in good company. The Mules are one of only 13 teams in Division III with fewer than two losses, and one of only ten teams allowing fewer than 50 points per game with 49.9 points. The team's 14-1 start matches its best record after 15

games. Four years ago, the Mules won 14 of their first 15 games on their way to a College record 21 wins.

On Jan. 24, the College put their ten-game winning streak on the line when they battled for first place with Dickinson College. The Mules held them to seven points at half-time. They ended up routing Dickinson 53-30. The College has not allowed fewer than 30 points since a 62-10 win against Bryn Mawr College during the '00-'01 season.

"We worked on our press in practice last week and it worked," said Freshman Bethany Enterline. "We forced a lot of turnovers. I don't think they expected us to press because we haven't pressed like that this year."

Senior Kristen Piscadlo led all scorers with 13 points and five assists while Junior Meghan Courtney contributed 12 points and eight rebounds.

Their winning streak increased to 11 games but ended there when the Mules traveled to Franklin and Marshall College and played a close game against the Diplomats. After the Diplomats hit two free throws in

to put them ahead by two points with only six seconds left in regulation, Piscadlo dribbled the length of the court and passed to Courtney in the middle of the lane. With no time remaining Courtney hit a turn around jumper to force the game into overtime.

Franklin and Marshall proved too much for the Mules in the extra session as it defeated them for the first

time since 2000, with a score of 78-71.

Franklin

and Marshall hit 13 three-pointers and out-rebounded the College 57-49, including 23-17 on the offensive end.

Two Mules were sidelined by injuries. Freshman Lauren Boyle and Senior Stephanie Coluccini. During the first half of the game, Coluccini hurt her ankle and had to sit out the rest of the game.

The loss put the Mules in second place in the Centennial Conference, one game behind Johns Hopkins University.

Despite the loss, Piscadlo had her first double-double of the season with 11 points and 12 assists. Piscadlo's 12 assists tied the College's assists record that she set last year. Courtney recorded a team-high 20 points and tied Enterline, who had a career-best four blocks with 12 rebounds.

After the loss, the

Mules came back strong in their Saturday game against the Gettysburg College Bullets, who were in a three-way tie for third place in the CC.

The Mules rebounded strongly in their win against the Bullets, 52-38. Courtney (21 points, 14 rebounds) and Senior Lacie Smith (11 points, 11 rebounds) contributed to the win by having double-doubles. Coluccini contributed 11 rebounds

and six points. It was the first time that the College had three players with double figures in rebounds since 1991.

Piscadlo also had five assists, which moved her into eighth place on the All-Time CC chart with 367 for her career. Piscadlo tied her single-season assists record of 107 assists with seven regular season games left. The Mules' next game is today at Moravian College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior Kristen Piscadlo dribbles the ball past an opponent.

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Mules defeated by King's College



Freshman Billy Hall is one pin short of the College's record of freshman pins made in one season.

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By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules were defeated by King's College last Thursday, falling to a final score of 28-14. Last Saturday, however, the College came back and won a Centennial Conference tri-match against Steven's Technical Institute and King's Point College.

Last Thursday, all but four weight classes lost their matches.

Freshman Rob
Kein (141 lbs.),
Sophomore Joe
Decampo (149 lbs.),

Senior co-Captain Dale Mills (157 lbs.) and Freshman Matt Horn, (184 lbs.) all won their matches.

Kein was the first match of the three-bout winning streak for the College. His intense match ended with a decision win of 10-5. Decampo won by a technical fall in seven minutes. Mills took a close win of 4-2. The College's last win was a match won by Horn, which ended with a score of 7-3. Junior co-Captain Matt Loesch was defeated and pinned in less than two minutes.

The College had a confidence-boosting competition last Saturday.

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Coming off the rough loss to King's College, the team added in two more Centennial Conference wins. Highlights included double wins by Hall, Mills and Loesch. Steven's Tech put up a fight but fell short as the College took the match, 24-20. Contributing to the win was Hall, who pinned his opponent in 6:34; Kein, with a major decision of 17-8; Mills, with a major decision of 17-6; and Hesse, with a major decision of 13-4. Loesch took a win by forfeit and remains undefeated in his Centennial Conference dual meets career.

The College dominated King's Point College. Hall won by a technical fall in three minutes. A second technical fall was experienced by Decampo in 5:10. Mills and Loesch both pinned their opponents in 3:16 and 2:08, respectively. Horn added to the team score with a decision of 11-4. The College won the meet, 34-9.

The College is now 4-0 in the Centennial Conference and 6-2 for the overall season. Mills said "We have never been in this position

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Mules defeat Dickinson; break College record

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Wed., Jan. 25, Memorial Hall was dominated by one Mule player--Junior Chris Huber. Huber scored the Mules' first nine points, which set the tone for the remainder of the game.

An intense first half battle with the Dickinson College Red Devils included several lead changes. The Mules took a five-point lead after an 8-2 run, including six points from Senior Jimmy O'Brien. The teams both scored points late in the half but the Red Devils tied the score at 26 with a minute and a half remaining. In the last minute of the first half, baskets from O'Brien, Huber and Junior Christopher Strachan put the Mules up seven points.

With three seconds left, Junior Brandon Mefford stole an inbound pass and scored a layup. The basket brought the score to 35-26, in favor of the Mules.

The Mules dominated the second half. An early 15-0 run set the momentum for the rest of the game. With nine minutes left in the game, the Mules pulled ahead to lead with 28 points.

Huber tied a College record by making eight of ten three-point attempts. With four minutes left in the game, the crowd chanted Huber's name, pleading for Head Coach Dave Maderia to let Huber attempt to break the record set by Matt German '87 in 1986. Huber got his chance when he went back into the

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Junior Tom Scott, a co-Captain and point guard, drives past a defender.

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The College hires a new Dean of Students

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 1, the College announced that Karen Green, the current Dean of Students at Wells College in Aurora, NY., will serve as the College's Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. Starting June 15, 2006, Green will replace Rudy Ehrenberg, the current Dean of Students. Ehrenberg has been Dean of Students since 1994.

According to President Randy Helm, "[Green's] appointment is the result of a national search that produced dozens of extraordinarily strong candidates." A committee was formed early in the fall semester to begin the search process. According to Jared Fine '06, Student Body President, "I, along with three other students, Maura Lynch '06, Kim Nguyen '07 and Alex Corgan '08, were heavily involved in the search process from the very start. We served on a committee of eleven (that included faculty, staff and administration) who reviewed resumes, conducted interviews, referenced candidates and ultimately met with the three finalists on their campus visits. Every person who met with the finalists have his or her opinion on each candidate, and at the end gave a comparison of the candidates which basically included a recommendation."

Of the search process, Helm said, "I met individu-



The new Dean of Students, Karen Green, will take over for Rudy Ehrenberg on June 15, 2006.

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ally with each of the Dean's direct reports, asking for their advice about the search. Many individuals made helpful suggestions, a number of which were incorporated by the committee into the final position description that was posted on the College's website and shared with candidates in early October."

During October and November, the list of candidates was narrowed to twelve individuals who then went through two days of off-campus interviews. After that process, the list was further narrowed to six semi-finalists. Over winter break, the search committee carried out extensive research on the six candidates. In January, the final

three candidates were chosen and were required to spend a day on campus.

Helm said, "The quality and the diversity of the applicant pool made these choices difficult, but I was pleased by the degree of consensus that committee members reached."

Helm gave faculty and students the opportunity to take a role in the process of choosing a new Dean for the College. Jenna Long '08, who had the opportunity to meet Green, said, "she was very nice and extremely professional when she came into the Athletic office. I think it's great that the College has hired a woman for an

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Online Registration: it's on its way

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

A committee of students, faculty and staff at the College are researching the implementation of online registration. The committee consists of Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life; Debbie Tante-Horan, Registrar; Karen Schall, Assistant Registrar; Harry Miller, Director of the Office of Information Technology (OIT); Vince Pace, Systems Manager of OIT; Jeremy Teissere, Assistant Professor of Biology; and Connie Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Kristen Brophy '07, Oren Smith '09 and Jared Fine '06, Student Body President, also were involved in the committee.

When asked why the College should switch to online registration, Fine, Brophy and Tante-Horan all said that convenience was a large factor. Brophy said, "I thought it was better because it was more convenient for some people." She stressed the importance of students being able to register in their dorm rooms. "We're the Caring College and this gives comfort to those [who] can't go down to the Registrar [at their allotted time]."

Brophy stressed that this new committee was formed in response to the concern of students. "There were concerns brought before the Student Council and the faculty was really receptive," she said. "You see a long line of unhappy people at registration."

Brophy, Fine and Tante-

Horan all believe that students will react well to this new change. Brophy said, "Altogether, people will like this idea." Fine expects that the students "would probably welcome it." Tante-Horan said, "the Student Body is going to be just fine."

"[This is] all working for a better Muhlenberg," Brophy said. "A lot of our benchmark institutions use online registration. It puts us right up there with our competitors. The Registrar will still be there. We're just trying to add another option."

Fine agreed, explaining, "Our system is a little out of date." He also stressed that, "We're looking for ways to enhance the process that we use right now." Online registration will not replace face-to-face registration for those who wish to continue with the current method of registering.

Tante-Horan said that online registration would be "easier for students and for the Registrar's staff." With

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Jared Fine '06

less people waiting in the basement of Haas College Center to register for classes, the Registrar staff's workload would decrease and become much easier during the days students register.

There are some details that would need to be addressed before online registration becomes official. Students would be using Capstone to register for classes, and while Capstone has the potential to work

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College prioritizes online registration

"You actually wait in line to register?" The three of us can all recount experiences when friends at other colleges have asked us this in disbelief. At most other schools, face-to-face registration was a thing of the past. At the College, on the other hand, online registration has been considered but never actually implemented. While online registration has never been an official priority of the administration, the Student Body has talked about it for years. Each semester, as students crowded the Haas College Center's staircase and wondered whether standing in line is not just a huge fire hazard, they spoke about online registration and the ease it would bring come registration.

Indeed, online registration has long been hailed as the saving grace of students: minimizing the time spent waiting in Haas, allowing students to register seconds before going to class, letting them roll out of bed and register in their pajamas. Most students feel that this will free them to do more important things like catching a few extra minutes of sleep or even studying for an important exam.

However, the College is still wary. Will this banish the small college feel that we have held onto all of these years? Will this cause more problems for the Office of Information Technology? Will students never speak to their advisors again, causing problems for the students such as not being able to graduate on time because they did not meet all of their requirements? All of these questions are valid and deserve every moment that it takes the College to review them.

We here at *The Weekly* are excited that the implementation of online registration is being seriously investigated and that the benefits of such a process are being strongly considered. We support the push for students to meet with their advisors prior to registration because we value the close contact that the College endorses. All students should have a mentor and we do not want online registration to be the cause of a loss of this relationship. Nevertheless, we think that it is important for the College to become more technologically savvy and join the other colleges that utilize online registration.

To the Editor:

Joe Caporoso has written an Op/Ed regurgitating the standard popular lines questioning The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act, the National Security Agency (NSA) program and President George W. Bush's intelligence and leadership skills. The most baseless of comments in his article is his clichéd comment about Bush's intelligence and skills as a leader, citing (of all people) Franklin Delano Roosevelt as a better example of those who led us through

An alumnus furtheres the conversation

trying times. Apparently Caporoso forgot that FDR locked up 100,000 Japanese-Americans in concentration camps during World War II for no better reason than that they were Japanese. FDR did this without approval from Congress, certainly without objection from Democrats, and

he remains a Democratic hero to this day. Does this seem hypocritical to anyone else?

He also mentions Abraham Lincoln as a better example of leadership, but this was the man who pushed his constitutional powers to the brink by, among other things, suspending the writ of habeas corpus. At the very least Bush is less offensive to civil rights than FDR, and he is a model of Lincoln's willingness to utilize his power for what he deems necessary for America. And as for Caporoso's ad hominem attack on Bush's intelligence, Bush had a better Grade Point Average than John Kerry in college, which conveniently was publicized well after the election. Call it a hunch, but Caporoso probably voted for the lower scoring candidate.

Secondly, The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act, enacted by Congress, has nothing to do with the NSA's recent wiretapping leak, as Caporoso implies. The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act has been a useful tool in fighting the "War on Terror"

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

As a liberal and a Jew, I strongly disagree with Joe Caporoso's Op/Ed in relation to the Hamas victory in the Palestinian Parliamentary elections.

Caporoso writes "[Hamas] is probably best known for their history of suicide bombings [...]" However, in recent years the party has looked to reform itself. That statement is simply untrue in all of its forms. Yes, Hamas is best known for their suicide bombings, because they are a terrorist organization, not a political party. Even now, after the election, Hamas has no intention of reforming their policies of violence.

The article refers to the US and Israel not supporting the Palestinian election outcome. I would like to clarify that statement by informing the writer that Egypt, the UN, most of Europe, Russia and even Mahmoud Abbas, the President of the Palestinian Authority, have all condemned Hamas. Abbas has stated in a meeting with the President of Egypt that he will not allow Hamas to form a new government if they do not denounce violence and recognize Israel.

In the words of Abba Ibn, "The Palestinians have yet to miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." Historically it is Israel, not the Palestinian Authority who has sought peace agreements. Before the recent election, Abbas had nearly secured a peace treaty with Former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who risked political suicide by his disengagement strategy. And the voters turned out in high numbers to ensure that they will decrease the livelihood of peace.

The Palestinians were not in any way voting for a more "religious" lifestyle; but they were voting on what they saw as ending corruption, but they voted for a terrorist group. As someone who supports the "Two-State-Solution" and is considered a die-hard liberal, I cannot support a people who voluntarily vote terrorists into office. I support Israel, whose existence is essential to the very existence of Judaism. For every seat Hamas won, I lost a percentage of empathy I previously held for the Palestinians. I pray for peace and I pray that Hamas will reform and I pray that the Palestinians can eventually have a place of their own. But I don't trust Hamas, and while I am praying for peace, I wholeheartedly support Israel's and the world donor's right to cut off all aid to the Palestinian Authority while run by Hamas. Lastly, I would conclude by saying that I respect the opinion of the writer and his right to voice his anti-Israel slanted opinion, but to be anti-Israel or anti-Zionist is to be anti-Judaism. Israel and Judaism are inseparable and essential for the existence of each other.

Tzedek VShalom (Justice and Peace)
--Adrian Shanker '09

and has been the foundation of a number of key arrests. Moreover, it has not been legally challenged on any serious level for its compliance with American standards of civil rights, otherwise Caporoso likely would have mentioned it.

The NSA's wiretapping is a completely different animal. Its legitimacy derives from Article II of the Constitution, which gives war powers to the executive branch. As Congress has already approved Bush's authority to wage the "War on Terror" validating Bush's authority more than any other President since the War Powers Act was enacted, he seems well within his executive duties.

Caporoso's argument rests on an Article II infringement enacted by Congress in 1978 entitled the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which has never reached the Supreme Court on its constitutional merit. Moreover, the operational limits of NSA's listening program are unknown due to its secrecy. Caporoso and I might be in total agreement if it is shown someday to be egregious in its expanse, but I doubt that it will rise to the egregious expanse of concentration camps, or, in other words, the level liberals will accept if a Democrat is in office.

Moreover, it should also be noted that Congress was repeatedly told about the program, which rendered no objections from the left until politically advantageous to do so, a point Caporoso ignores in his Op/Ed. I happen to wholeheartedly agree that Americans should not sacrifice liberties for what seems like safety. But if our liberties are so inflexible as to allow the easily preventable deaths of thousands, then what good are they? I suspect that the few Americans out there making calls to strange parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan understand the slight infringement on their privacy during wartime for the safety of thousands of Americans. After all, being wiretapped is better than being locked up in a concentration camp. Isn't it? Sorry, FDR and Lincoln are on Bush's side this time.

--Ben Long '03

Actions speak louder than words for diversity



Identity & Race

Acacia Cochise
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I had intended to write about White identity, its traditions, social connotations and what not. Then I was informed of the blunder concerning Ethel Drayton-Craig, and I was like, not again. I was extremely angry at first, angrier than I had been at Muhlenberg in a long time, not since some student said "nigger" in my history class, and the professor told me to

correct him. But, I'm over it for the most part, trying desperately to racially mature away from campus, to process the ins and outs, ups and downs that being multiculturally aware and a minority on a small, White, liberal arts campus will give you.

I'm not going to lie. After settling down, I did write a scathing article, minutely picking apart the editor's statement, paragraph by paragraph, proving that they had no right to be surprised about the issue turning into a racial one, as I have been writing about such things going on

since last semester, as well as dealing directly with them by being heavily involved with the Black Students' Association—but I'm over it. No, I got to thinking about why I was really upset, and the truth is, whether this is a racial issue or not, a student needs to state a few things about Dr. Drayton-Craig and I myself will apologize for the blunder, as I am included in this as a writer for *The Weekly*.

It wasn't that long ago when I took Dr. Drayton-Craig and her role on campus for granted. I felt like I could never speak my mind about what I really felt about being on an overwhelmingly White campus, and yet, it was just my fear of being the only one to speak up that held me back.

She was like a ghost to me, an idea and a woman stuck up in a tower on the same floor as the President, Provost and Dean. At first the only contact I had with her was through her flitting around campus, always dressed impeccably and on her way to promoting something for Multicultural Life.

The thing is, only after I had matured did I seek her counsel, and I found her genuinely willing to listen, as well as willing to guide me through my semesters. I can't stress enough to the White students how particularly precious her presence is, and thus as a proud Multicultural

student, I am outraged that the focus of people's attention is on racism and not the importance of Dr. Drayton-Craig's work.

The rub with a small liberal arts school is that the verbal support is overwhelming, but the actions are not. Apologies are important, and even sometimes vital, but they cannot mask the disappointment I feel in myself and for my peers for letting fear dilute what is a simple issue. We are so afraid of race that when a Black woman's picture is captioned incorrectly, it must be racially derogatory. Are we all so afraid that we'd rather give directly in to anger?

This is a prime example of what a multicultural student goes through everyday, walking the fine line of hysteria and pride, except nothing is publicized as much as this. Issues like this lead to self-doubt and loss of self-worth because race suddenly becomes the only defining factor.

I encourage everyone not to give into the mean and ordinary agony of fear. I encourage everyone to examine themselves and the role

they play on this campus. I encourage everyone, in the spirit of Black History month to channel their depth of character. In the words of Coretta Scott King, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members ... a heart of grace and a soul generated by love."

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Iran as Iraq, take two?

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Iran has the capability to make nuclear weapons. They have a uranium enrichment program currently in

progress, and the rest of the world has taken notice. This past weekend the International Atomic Energy Agency has referred Iran to the United Nations Security Council. In response to this action, Iran has threatened to block UN inspectors, as they maintain their position that they are using uranium for electricity only.

This entire situation sounds entirely too familiar. It sounds a lot like the Iraq situation before the U.S. eventually went to war with them. This time America is not by itself in resisting the nuclear activity. Britain, France and Germany actually spearheaded the effort to send Iran to the UN, and other powers like Russia, China and Egypt joined in. The rest of the Middle East is also against Iran, as no country wants a country near them to bear nuclear arms, which could possibly lead to an escalating arms race. Iran has now found itself isolated and setting itself up for conflict with the UN.

America needs to proceed with caution. At this point, even our ambitious administration would seem to be hesitant to jump into another war. Our troops are stretched thin and exhausted. Many soldiers are on their third and fourth tours of duty, and we certainly would lack the man power and national will to confront another Middle East nation. Hopefully, our president, who has failed in decision making in other obvious choice situations won't look to play the world's police officer and lead a unilateral attack into Iran if they resist UN inspection.

On the other hand, if the UN is willing to make a joint effort to use military effort to rid Iran of nuclear arms, America should absolutely lend its support. A UN mandated effort would be backed by at least 30 nations and wouldn't isolate America. The military effort would be a worldwide respected move and would help increase America's credibility with the UN.

The key here is that America doesn't act stubbornly and try to make another statement by heading into Iran alone. America needs to be patient and follow the UN's process like the rest of the countries involved will. There is no need at this time to take on another war when we are struggling enough in our first one. In his State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush insisted on our need to lessen our reliance on oil, specifically from the Middle East.

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Reflecting on faces

Desiree Sedehi
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

In last week's "Racial tensions are not as distant as once thought," the editors addressed the issue of accused racism by asking a simple question: "Since when did a face become a black face and not just a face?" My automatic response was "Hello?! Welcome to the world; racism is alive and kicking!" I should probably add a disclaimer and state that I, by no means, am bashing *The Weekly* staff. I merely have issues with the concept of a "black face" and what it means to me as a Muhlenberg student.

I have come to understand that a face has almost always been seen as either a white, black, yellow, red, etc. face and hardly ever as just a face. It is human nature to notice skin color; I am not angry with people when they notice that I am not a fair-skinned European. I would not label Dr. Drayton-Craig's lack of recognition, however, as an act of racism or labeling of a "black face." I would call it an act of ignorance. I would be just as angry if any hard-working faculty or staff member was unrecognized for their achievements

and contributions to the Muhlenberg community. Instead of getting angry about getting labeled as racists, the staff of *The Weekly* could have perhaps cleared their name by citing Dr. Drayton-Craig's great contributions to this campus and multi-cultural life/diversity as a whole.

Apparently, color is unnoticed on campus and, as *The Weekly* has so graciously brought to my attention, "At the end of the day, we're all people-- just people." Unfortunately, as much as I'd like to buy in to the whole "it's a happy, friendly world and everyone loves each other" theory, I guess I've been tainted by the world's racism. I appreciate attempts to paint the campus as a picturesque utopia, but the truth of the matter is that, globally, (yes, this includes

the Muhlenberg campus) color has always served as a force of differentiation, particularly class distinction and separation of socioeconomic standings.

A black face is not just a face in this country. An Arab, Muslim face is not just a face either. Looking at racial profiling after the 9/11 attacks, one can clearly see that "a face" can lead to imprisonment and, in some cases,

death. Now, you may say that I am focusing on the global sphere and the Muhlenberg campus does not face these issues. Well, perhaps we should all take a walk through one of our dining facilities and observe the different "faces."

In GQ alone, there are African-American faces, Arabic faces and Hispanic faces, among others. I do not believe that I am a racist for recognizing these differences. I find myself wanting to explode at the obnoxious student who is being rude to the African-American man behind the grill because his cheesesteak is taking too long to be made.

I feel like we are completely avoiding the great show of socioeconomic standing and "race" that is ever-present in our dining halls. In response to the line, "We hope the college is aware that their students see a face, not a black face, not a white face, just a face," I say this: day to day, as I walk into the dining facilities or even go to the gym, I see faces. Black faces, White faces, Hispanic faces, Asian faces, etc. We cannot ignore the issue of color; the problem is that it has been avoided for hundreds and hundreds of years. Racism has nothing to do with recognizing a face as a black face or white face; it has more to do with discriminating against a face because it is black or white.

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He would make good on his statement by not having any unilateral military involvement in Iran, despite the obvious signs that we could not take on another war right now.

This administration is hell-bent on molding the Middle East into a less Islamicized place with more democracy. President Bush has called Iran a part of the "Axis of Evil," grouping it together with such countries as Iraq and Afghanistan, both of whom we are at war with. As a nation we need to hope our president doesn't feel the urge to try to take on every radical Islamic country in his terms of office. He is now in his fifth year of the presidency. Let's hope he has grown with experience and will learn from past mistakes. How the president handles these next three years will help shape his legacy. Either he will continue to stumble and further tarnish an already sketchy resume or he could right the ship and improve his credentials.

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with limitations such as pre-requisites, it is not currently able to handle these problems.

Students would still meet with their advisors before registering for classes. Brophy explains that the committee "still wants there to be a faculty advisor meeting beforehand" and Tante-Horan agrees wholeheartedly. "The Student Body is going to be just fine--the students will adapt easily to this [switching to online registration]" she said. Tante-Horan stressed that the change to online registration would allow more flexibility for students, but it would also mean that they would need to take a greater responsibility. Meeting with an advisor would help to ensure that students are up to date on their college requirements and major/minor requirements.

Registration will still work alphabetically within class years. There will be windows of time available for each student to register, closing at the end

of the drop/add period. Tante-Horan believes that forms such as drop/add may be changed after this system is implemented successfully.

Brophy stresses that the College is still in the very early stages of implementing online registration. Tante-Horan believes that, at the absolute earliest, online registration might be available for the Student Body by Fall 2007.

"This year," Tante-Horan explains, "is devoted to investigation." There may be groups of students who register for classes via Capstone as an experiment before the Student Body uses Capstone.

Tante-Horan stresses that, "I think that one of the things that is important in this environment is to maintain the conversations between the students and their advisors."

Even after the College starts to use Capstone as the normal means for registration, the College hopes that students will still use personal contact when deciding which classes they wish to register for.

Campus Safety records phone calls again

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Have you lately called Campus Safety and been confused and troubled by the mysterious beeping noise that seems to interrupt your phone calls every ten seconds? This beeping shall be a mystery to you no longer, for deep in the bowels of Campus Safety headquarters, there are four telephones with devices designed to record your conversations with Campus Safety. One phone sits at each dispatcher's desk and two others record calls received by the back-up phones, which are answered by Campus Safety officers or switch board operators in case the dispatchers cannot attend to students who are in need.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, explained that these recorders function as fail-safe devices that are meant to better protect us in a couple of different ways. For example, these recording devices are meant to capture important information that a dispatcher might not hear clearly upon receiving the phone call. A dispatcher can search as far back as 15 minutes in recordings to retrieve any important information in the event of an emergency. Also, these recordings are meant to document how call-takers within Campus Safety's offices handle incidents.

According to Lupole, these recordings serve as "critical equipment for reviewing calls and help to improve and evaluate how dispatchers and officers respond to incidents on campus."

Lupole explained that not only are the phone calls that Campus Safety receives being taped, but Campus Safety has installed equipment to record the four radio channels that are used to communicate between Campus Safety officers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Plant Operations in order to better their responses to incidents at the College. Although Campus Safety is becoming more technologically advanced with this move to use computers and recording equipment to monitor phone calls, recording phone calls isn't new for the College. Campus Safety recorded phone calls on tape decks, until the new phone system was put in place.

During winter break, the new recording system was installed to bring Campus Safety up to speed with the newest technology used to keep our community safe. Other colleges have upgraded or are upgrading their technology in similar ways. Lupole reported that Campus Safety has received calls from Moravian College to discuss our new recording system, with hopes that Moravian will too benefit from this attempt at improving the level of safety on campus.

Students responded well to Campus Safety's technological advance once the function of this equipment was explained to them. "If it clears up any miscommunications, and if it helps us, then it's a good thing," said Erin Herman '09. Alan Goldberg '09, furthered the idea, stating, "Campus Safety, knowing you, knowing them, the way it should be."

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Ride Board created for students

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Ride Board, designed to help students arrange rides to and from the College, was implemented last semester. The Ride Board can be found on the College's website and is designed as a forum for students to communicate with one another regarding transportation needs. On the Ride Board, students can post offers or requests to be taken to or brought back from a certain location.

"The newly created electronic ride board provides all Muhlenberg students with an outstanding opportunity to provide or receive rides home or to any other destination throughout the year," said Scott Gordon '08, the founder of the Ride Board. The idea of the Ride Board was first discussed at the end of the Spring 2005 semester and was complete for the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester.

Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations and Carolyn Brown Ray, Web Developer, were fundamental in carrying out the plans for the Ride Board. Ray was responsible for the

design and layout of the Ride Board. Brian Galgano '08, Vice President of the sophomore class, also helped in the process of creating the Ride Board. "It is very easy to use and is easily accessible online from home or on-campus," said Gordon.

Since the Ride Board was designed exclusively for the students at the College, a Berg ID number and Capstone password are required to login to the Ride Board. This is an example of one of the precautions taken by the College to ensure the safety of students using the Ride Board. Before a student can log into the Ride Board, s/he is presented with a disclaimer that the student has to agree to before the Board can be used. The disclaimer consists of safety warnings to the students about individuals who agree to take them home.

The website urges students to make sure they know the person who is taking them home and that a friend or family member knows who the student is traveling with. This form also encourages students to meet their transportation provider in a public place as well as to make sure that they have a

Muhlenberg ID card.

After logging into the Ride Board, the user is presented with a navigational menu on the left-hand side consisting of the following options: "My Offers," "My Requests," "Add Offers," "Add Requests" and a "Search" option. A search option is also available within each individual category to allow students to specify their search. Under this search menu, a student can search for a date, city or state by both departures and arrivals. On the other hand, if the student wants to see all the transportation options that are available rather than create a detailed search, the user can access the "All Offers" or "All Requests" options. On the main page of the Ride Board, each user is presented with a "Board Summary," which keeps track of current offers and requests. The user can also see announcements posted by other students regarding transportation arrangements. For students who live far away, the Board can make getting to and from campus easier.

The Ride Board can now be accessed under the Campus Life option on the website.

College introduces Grant Program

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Leadership Development Grant Program (LDGP) began in Nov. 2005 after Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, and Chaplain Peter Bredlau drafted the strategic initiative and asked the Office of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, run by Chris Jachimowicz, to implement it. The LDGP is designed for organizations rather than individuals, which is why many students at the College are unaware of it.

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greater than the grant being awarded.

Only two groups, Hillel and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, have received grants. Sigma Phi Epsilon received a \$500 grant for their officer transition retreat. Hillel received four separate \$500 grants. Hillel used one of these grants to send a student to International Hillel Student Leadership Training over the mid-semester break. This summer Hillel is sending another student to the Machon Kaplan Program, a social justice internship, in Washington, D.C.

Hillel received \$1000 toward their Alternative Spring Break Program to Prague, Czech Republic. For one week students will learn about the culture of Prague, a country affected by the Holocaust, by engaging in community service and visiting a concentration camp. Patti Mittleman, Jewish Chaplain and Director of Hillel, believes students at the College have limitless opportunities for leadership experience. Mittleman is concerned that students do not know about the grant program. Hillel is refraining from

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Snow Showers	Flurries	Snow Showers
High: 37° Low: 23°	High: 38° Low: 21°	High: 35° Low: 20°

OFF CAMPUS

Scranton drops out of governor's race

Republican candidate Bill Scranton has dropped out of the governor's race. Scranton had been behind his Republican rival, Lynn Swann, in the race for the official GOP endorsement. Previously, Scranton had declared he would run with or without the Republican Party's official nomination. However, Scranton did not have sufficient resources to pose a primary challenge to Swann.

Across the state, Republicans will meet on Saturday to choose their representative for the 2006 election. Whoever the Republicans pick will run against the incumbent Governor Ed Rendell (Democrat). Scranton said, "Our campaign is strong, but not strong enough to defeat a candidate who has received the near unanimous backing of state and national party leaders..."

Local teen dies of heart attack at Academy

An Allentown teenager living at a treatment center for behavior problems died after being restrained for disruptive behavior. Giovanni Aletriz, 16, may have gone into cardiac arrest Saturday, after employees at the SummitQuest Academy had to restrain him. He died later at the hospital. Giovanni's mother, Cynthia Allen, said, "My son had a strong heart and should not be dead. There is no reason a 16-year-old should die of a heart attack."

The family of the boy has since hired an independent pathologist to investigate the issue further. Aletriz was the second death at the SummitQuest Academy in less than two months. A spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare has said that the agency is currently investigating the deaths.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

LEADERSHIP

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applying for more grants until others receive grants.

Jachimowicz said that many students do not know about the program because it is only three months old. In November, group leaders received descriptions of and applications for the program in their mailboxes. Jachimowicz firmly denies that the program is being kept a secret. In fact, he says he would like to see more applications for grants.

Both Mittleman and Jachimowicz believe it is important for all students, not just student leaders, to participate in these programs. "Sometimes there are students, who have outstanding leadership potential, but who don't yet hold a position on campus," said Mittleman.

Many of the grants are being used for travel. When asked if travel was necessary for leadership development Jachimowicz

responded by saying that retreats can foster development because they "remove common distractions in a familiar surrounding." He said that the question does arise, "Is this a travel fund or is this a leadership fund?" Right now Jachimowicz and the committee that reviews the applications are remaining open-minded.

Groups that receive grants are required to file After Action Reports. These reports help to answer the question Jachimowicz considers the most important: "How [does] what an individual or group of individuals learn benefit their group when they return to campus?"

Individual or group of individuals learn benefit their group when they return to campus?" In the future, Jachimowicz wants to bring leadership programs to the campus to benefit more students. He also thinks a grant program geared toward individuals is a good idea.

"We are investing in students for a lifetime," said Mittleman.

NEW DEAN

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administrative position."

The three perspective deans met with faculty, students, coaches, members of the Dean of Student's team and members of the President's Senior Staff. Each participant who met with a dean was asked to send comments via e-mail to Helm. Helm was inundated with over one-hundred e-mails and said, "Many interviewers told me that they couldn't imagine how I would make a decision and said that they could envision any of the three succeeding in this role. Nonetheless, at the end of the process the most widespread and pronounced enthusiasm focused on Karen Green."

Green previously held the position of Dean of Students at Wells College. She held additional leadership positions at Agnes Scott College (where she received her baccalaureate degree) Hamilton College, Spelman College and Emory University. She had the distinction of receiving The Karen Green Human Relations Award at Agnes

Scott College. This award was created in her honor.

According to a statement released by Jillian Lowery, Director of College Communications, "[Green] will oversee more than 70 full-time employees and several departments. Athletics and Recreation, Campus Safety, Community Service, Greek Life, Judicial Affairs, Residential Services, Student Activities, the Counseling Center, the

I think it's great that the College has hired a woman for an administrative position.

Jenna Long '08

Health Center, Student Leadership and Seegers Union/Campus Events will all be under her supervision."

Members of the Dean of Students' team are sad to see Ehrenberg leave the community, including Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students. "I am sad to see Dean Ehrenberg leave. We worked closely together for ten years and I will miss him. It was a priv-

ilege to work with such a unique individual, a man of high standards, honor, integrity, compassion; trustworthy and dedicated to educating our students. On the other hand, I am happy for he and Sandy to finally free up some time to spend with their sons and grandchildren. Sandy and Rudy both have been great ambassadors and supporters to Muhlenberg. There will be a sense of void when they depart. I know Rudy will continue his journey, somewhere, in making a difference in the world." Schubert does look forward to "working with Dean Green. She brings experience and enthusiasm to her new position. I will support and assist her in getting to know both students and our campus."

Fine said, "Karen Green is going to have heavy influence on student life, but I believe that we made the right decision and she will do great things on this campus. There are big shoes to fill, but I believe that Karen will step up to the challenges the new Dean is going to face and support this community in myriad ways."

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 2 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A motor vehicle accident between a student and a non-student took place on North 24th Street. The Allentown Police Department responded. There were no injuries.

Feb. 2 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle belonging to a first-year student was found on Chew Street. This student did not have permission to have a car on campus. This situation was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 3 - Sick Student - A female student in Walz Hall had a breathing problem. She refused to be transported to the hospital.

Feb. 3 - Driving Under the Influence - Allentown Police Department arrested a student, Ashley L. Viviani '08, at Lupo's Bar. The student was arrested for underage consumption and driving under the influence.

Feb. 4 - Attempt to Locate - A student attempted to locate his car which he

had loaned to another student. He eventually found his car.

Feb. 4 - Vandalism - A Resident Advisor in Prosser Hall reported finding graffiti on a resident's white board on their door. After the incident was reported to Campus Safety, the offender came forward.

Feb. 4 - Theft - A Sodexo employee in The General's Quarters was found stealing food. The employee was referred to

the Sodexo Human Resources Department.

Feb. 5 - Lost Property - A female student reported losing her purse in an off-campus house. The purse was located. Nothing in it was stolen.

Feb. 5 - Underage Alcohol Use - A Resident Advisor in Prosser Hall reported an underage student drinking a Yuengling beer in the hallway. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 5 - Carpentry Problem - A window in the third floor South Hall lounge was found smashed. A carpenter replaced the window.

Feb. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on Liberty Street due to cooking. The alarm was reset.

Feb. 5 - Vandalism - A window in the stairwell leading to the Brown Hall Dance Studio was broken. The window was replaced.

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"The most decisive actions of our life--I mean those that are most likely to decide the whole course of our future--are, more often than not, unconsidered."

-Andre Gide

Ballroom is just the beginning: New campus clubs take off

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

While still in high school, graduated students would come back to divulge the secrets of college life to eagerly-listening youngsters such as myself. They'd brag about all that their university had to offer: huge gyms, raging parties and extensive opportunities in clubs. One such club was a competitive ballroom club and when I attended the College's Activities Fair my freshman year, I was overjoyed to find a Ballroom Dancing Club.

Little did I know that this club would last for only one meeting which met in the hallway of Trexler Pavillion's Fish Bowl. Its turnout and duration was less than impressive, its student teachers less than enthusiastic, yet I give those who attempted to start it a hearty clap on the back.

Recently, a more successful version of Ballroom 101 has sprouted on campus. Started by Liz Pendley '08, a ballroom dancer of three years, and Matt Jakubik '06, a ballroom dancer of eight years, the new Ballroom Dancing Club is nothing to be scoffed at.

At its first rehearsal close to 100 students, both male and female, attended. The spacious Brown Dance Studio felt cramped under the impact of so many bodies. Corrie Franz-Cowart, the Part-time Lecturer of Dance, took control of the class in a graceful yet commanding way that calmed the rowdy and excited crowd.

"Leaders on this side, followers on the opposite side," she said. With those words, the mass of students parted like the Red Sea under Moses' staff. Class was in session and at its end, those 100 now sweaty-faced students had learned how to swing to the Zoot Suit songs of the 1940s.

Pendley and Jakubik started the club to bring

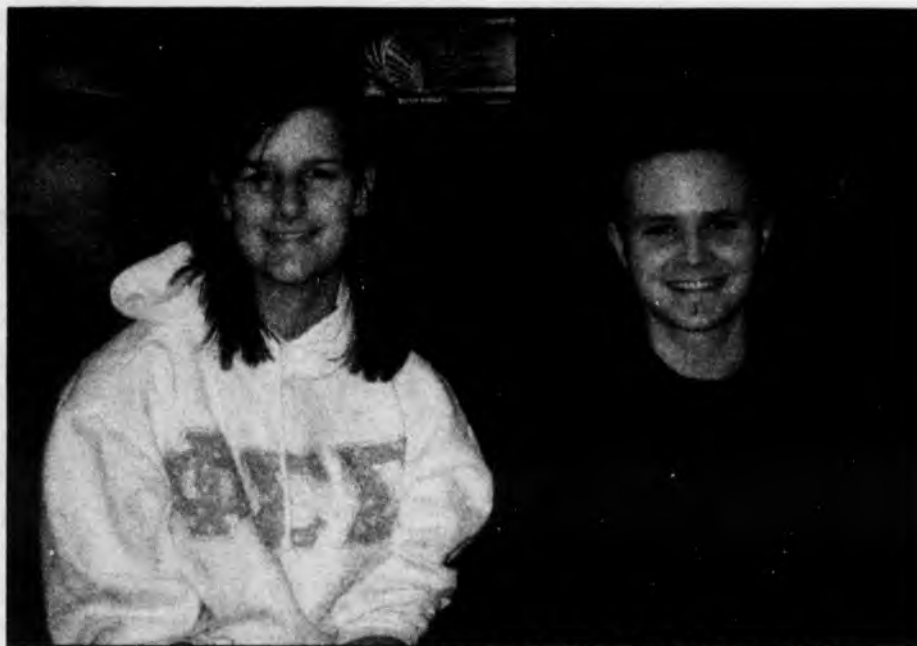
something they have enjoyed for years to the College population. Jakubik said, "We thought it would be cool to expose students to something that would be a good life skill."

After talking with Bev MacEwan, Director of Student Activities, they set up times and a space where people could move and groove and then waited in anticipation for students to show up. One can imagine their excitement when their project proved a success.

Pendley, a member of the Activities Council, knew that there was student interest in a club directed toward learning more sophisticated forms of dance.

Ballroom appears to be the newest trend grapefruiting across the nation. Movies such as *Mad Hot Ballroom*, *Shall We Dance* and *Strictly Ballroom* are getting recognition for their complicated moves and graceful performers.

In the hit TV program *Dancing with the Stars*, celebrity sports heroes, soap opera sirens and popular musicians try their skill at this rising pastime. For the students of the College, it may be a form of entertainment right now, but Pendley



Liz Pendley '08 and Matt Jakubik '06 are the founders of one of the hottest new clubs at the College. They wanted to bring their love of dance to others.

PHOTO BY SARAH SMITH

and Jakubik have ideas for the club's future.

At some point they hope to make the Ballroom Dancing Club competitive, traveling and participating in dance competitions--something usually only larger schools have a chance to experience. In the near future, they also hope to visit and take lessons at local dance studios.

The Ballroom Dance Club program will run for six weeks, each week focusing on a different dance such as the waltz, tango, cha-cha and many more. After those six weeks, another set of

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**WHAT IS THE WORST THING
ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY?**



"The hot professors rejecting me."

- Steve Fisher '06



"So many suitors...so little time..."

- Kristina Necovska '07



"The smell of sex in my friend's room."

- Chris Morse '08



"Having to work the night shift."

- Michele Jones,
Campus Safety
Dispatcher



"Finding out your girlfriend is a lesbian on MySpace."

- Christian Belluci '09

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Uncompromising and unstoppable, set your sights on Vose

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Walking down Academic Row last Saturday night around 10:00 p.m. you could have heard a booming bass from Moyer to Shankweiler. Vose, a small band playing in Seegers Union, was responsible for the noise. Though their sound was huge and reached all around the College, this group didn't draw much of a crowd.

Rob Harbey '02, Matt Kemmerer and Patt Kitt make up this small band. Harbey sings vocals and plays lead guitar while Kemmerer is on the drums and Kitt on base guitar. This talented group attracted a small, somewhat lackluster crowd, getting far less than they deserved in both numbers and excitement.

The band did several numbers that they wrote themselves but also included a few cover songs. They covered bands like Better than Ezra, the White Stripes, REM and even one very rocked out Neil Young song. Vose mastered their own alternative rock sound as well as most of the cover songs they played. One song that may have had a bit too much of their own style mixed into

it was REM's song "Everybody Hurts." However, they really made up for it with Better than Ezra's "Good Lyrics" where Harbey showed off his vocal abilities.

Vose's own songs, "Speaking Of" and "The Day," showcased more of their talent. "This is the End," a new song that Harbey said "even the band's girlfriends and the drummer's wife hasn't [sic] even heard yet" went over really well with the crowd. Vose came out with one CD that cost \$3, which they were kind enough to give out for free that night. They also plan to come out with another CD that will have some of the newer songs like "This is the End" on it. Though Vose's sound was amazing overall, a few songs missed their mark.

Though there

wasn't much of a crowd this band shouldn't have been missed by so many students. Their talent was undeniable and with more practice they're sure to get more of a following than they had last Saturday night.

Watch for Vose: they're a band that deserves another chance at the College.



Rob Harbey '02, Matt Kemmerer and Patt Kitt play for an intimate crowd in Seegers.

PHOTO BY ERIN MCGROARTY

MCTV Cribs: A new take on old-school living

By John Jannuzzi
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If you happened to flip through the channels in the past couple of days, you may have noticed something entertaining on MCTV, channel 21. The College is proud to welcome the first episode of *MCTV Cribs*, a spin-off of the MTV show which offers viewers a glimpse inside the homes of celebrities.

The show was a hit for MTV and the College's edition shows promise for the future. The premiere episode featured Mike Montone '07 and Jefferson Pooley, Instructor of Communication. Although the faculty of the College is friendly, they are also busy and it is difficult to get them to dedicate time outside of office hours and classes.

The episode opens up with panoramic views of the campus including President Randy Helm's house, Victor's Lament and General Pete. The first house featured is Pooley's. Naturally Professor Pooley sports College apparel as we get a glimpse into the home he shares with his wife Karen. It offers a different perspective than the gaudy

mansions of MTV's *Cribs*. Pooley's house is an 1890s brick style and the decor mirrors that of the era.

One thing that the viewer can appreciate in this episode is that it provides a different view of Allentown. Students at the College often associate anything on "that side" of campus as being dangerous. The Pooley household offers a fresh perspective, associating the downtown with home life, the kind with which most of us are familiar.

We also get to see the future bedroom of their daughter Keller, complete with Picasso sketches. (Keller was due in two weeks at the time of filming but is now keeping the pair busy.) Overall this segment is highly entertaining as Pooley shows us unique touches to his home including stained glass windows and his '95 Subaru sedan with its "mad rims". The house tour ends with Pooley harkening back to his college days as he displays pictures of his college roommates.

The episode then changes gears as we tour a student's house. As we enter 430 22nd Street we are greeted by Mike Montone '07 and his housemate, Anthony Acquafreida '07. It

is refreshing to see MCTV portray this to the College so that students can see what actual college students do. Montone and Acquafreida lead us through the Coors Light room complete with television, sofa and Coors Light banner. The pair lead the viewer to the kitchen and yet another housemate, Brian Amendolair '07.

As is custom in all quintessential Italian households there is leftover spaghetti in the fridge, and of course the essential Italian pong table. Next, we hit the basement to see how the house handles nightlife. The basement features a full service wet bar and stereo. Continuing in the Italian tradition a poster of Frank Sinatra adorns the wall as inspiration to the in-house Italians.

Next comes the most impressive element of the house referred to as "Acqua's masterpiece." As an art major I have to give credit where credit is due because this is perhaps one of the best Beirut tables on the campus, hands down. Complete with accurate proportions to a football field and a perfect paint job, it

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AMC Weekend Listings



When A Stranger Calls

Fri. 4:30, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Pink Panther

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Curious George

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sun. 2:45, 4:45, 7:00

Final Destinations 3

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Nanny McPhee

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 4:30, 7:30

Underworld Evolution

Fri. 9:30
Sat. 9:30

Firewall

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Hoodwinked

Fri. 4:30, 7:00
Sat. 2:15, 4:30, 7:00
Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 7:00

Big Momma's House 2

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

As good as chocolate: Communication is this Wonka's Golden Ticket

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

I realize that talking to someone you are interested in, dating or even sleeping with can be scary for men or women. But there are certain communication strategies that I see being used here at the 'Berg that I feel, as my duty as a relationship columnist promoting better relations for all students on this campus, I should dispel. I sometimes feel enraged at some of the people on this campus who continually use the following strategies as a guide of how to behave towards people.

1. Silence is not golden.

Men and women often say that break-ups are hard, awkward and uncomfortable. This is going to be true no matter what you do. Since when did it become acceptable to let someone you are no longer interested in them by simply ignoring them? This includes but is not limited to: not answering your phone, text messages and IMs from the person you are avoiding.

People think that ignoring a prob-

lem will make it go away. Just because you put a band-aid over a cut doesn't mean that flesh-eating bacteria isn't growing below. If you want to break up with someone or don't want to see them anymore, speak up. It will only make things worse to prolong the silence and uncertainty.

If the issue is not dealt with the worse-case scenario would be an angry, tear-filled shouting match that more than a few people would witness. Locate your male or female genitalia (a.k.a. balls) and put an end to all that misery. By addressing the issue, both you and your partner can move on to greener pastures. If you can't find you male/female sexual organs, grow some and then man or woman up to your responsibilities.

2. Cockiness is not sexy.

Confidence is sexy. Being a jerk and assuming that every single person on campus sweats you is not. It is not okay to talk to women like you are angry and confused as to

why they are not yet naked in front of you. You may think that you are hot but it isn't all that easy. You've got to prove yourself.

It is not okay to be rude to other girls at a party and look down on them, thinking that they have no chance with any guy in the room because you are there. As a freshman and sophomore, you should not be going around a party like you own the place because most likely you don't even know the person whose house you are in.

And if you bump into an upper-class female who has had a few too many drinks, you may spend the night in tears for pushing her out of the way of a keg proclaiming "I'm a sophomore, what are you?!"

3. If you hook up with someone on a consistent basis, you are not single.

If you are sleeping with someone, hooking up, screwing or just "hanging out," you are in a relationship with them, no matter how you put it or how long you have been together.

If someone asks you if you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend, in this case you should be saying either "yes" or "I am seeing someone." Just because you don't have a girlfriend/boyfriend/relationship label on you doesn't mean your partner doesn't exist.

4. This is a small school. Everybody is into everybody else's business.

This is the most important communication tip of all. If you cheat on your significant other or are sleeping with several people at the same time, you better believe all of them are going to find out about each other and when they do, well, it won't be pretty. Instead of dealing with staring, fingerpointing and cruel sneers behind your back, think about what you are doing and the resulting consequences.

I think that this whole campus needs a wake-up call, a slap in the face and a reality flash. In the end, don't be a jerk, everything is so much less complicated if you can just do that. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Chefs set off sparks at A-1 Japanese Steakhouse

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If you are looking for a place where you can go with a group of people and have fun, then you have to try A-1. I'm not talking about the well-known steak sauce, but A-1 Japanese Steakhouse. You can't go wrong at this lively and eventful restaurant where the chefs constantly bang knives and yell songs and crack jokes. The restaurant is just ten minutes away from the College, located on Lehigh Street in the South Mall.

The main attraction at the restaurant is the hibachi food. You can sit in big square tables with an open grill. Chefs come out and cook right in front of you. They are also great entertainers, putting on a show as they aim food at you, hoping you will catch it in your mouth. The chefs clang and bang their knives and spatulas while rolling eggs, making an onion volcano and topping it off with a quick fire.

Not only does the entertainment make it a great dining experience, but the food is great and well worth your money. If you plan on having hibachi (which I highly recommend), then your main course options are chicken, steak, shrimp, scallops, salmon, beef filet or calamari.

The side options are regular white rice or fried rice that they make at

the table (which I highly recommend) and grilled vegetables. Before the clang-and-bang performance begins, you get miso soup and a salad. They serve a large quantity of food so make sure to go with a hearty appetite.

If you don't want hibachi style food, A-1 does have an extensive sushi bar that is very good. They have every type of sushi you can imagine and there is a separate dining room if you prefer a quiet dining atmosphere.

The prices are very reasonable considering how much food you get. If you choose hibachi, prices range from \$16.00, for a dish with one meat, up to \$22.00 if you get a combination of two hibachi meals, such as chicken and steak. This is a good deal considering the amount of food served.

If you are 21, they have appealing tropical drinks. They put them in huge porcelain bowls or in hollowed-out coconuts decorated

with flames and umbrellas. The soothing ambience of the restaurant is accomplished with bamboo and traditional Japanese decor.

A-1 Japanese Steakhouse is a great place to celebrate birthdays. If you tell them it is someone's special day, they will come out banging

drums, holding sparklers and singing.

Book a reservation if you go on the weekends. The restaurant is popular and fills up quickly. The next time you are looking for an entertaining and great meal, check out A-1 Japanese Steakhouse.

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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

So you're not that great at problem solving. Your brain cells have a little more trouble than most making those mental leaps when it comes to tying loose ends together. Normally you would just ram your way through issues, you know, being a goat and all. Unfortunately it's not going to work this time. Break in those brain cells and solve this one on your own. You'll be a better person for it.

Taurus

Feeling a bit like stagnate water? Ready to pick up the pace in your life? Get out there and make some things happen. Before you know it, offers to get your water churning should be coming in! You of all people won't want to miss a single one, but remember time management and pick the ones that are most important to you. Get ready to be the right person in the right place at the right time!

Gemini

That key relationship in your life get a little derailed lately? The only way to fix this one is to take responsibility for your part in the situation. No copping out on this one. Remember, it's got to be at least 10 percent your fault for even being in the relationship! So get the guts to admit your own faults and start the process of getting both of you to move on. This is going to be a shot to the ego, so get ready for it.

Cancer

So you think you're the best, huh? Well before you go shooting off your mouth again about everything you know, stop. No one likes a know-it-all. People like to think that they know a little something that others might not. Instead of answering all the questions in class, put down your hand for a bit and let the blood flow back into your fingers. You are smart, you know it, now let someone else sit in the spotlight for a bit.

Leo

Feeling a bit cramped lately, a little suffocated in the tiny world of the College? This is the perfect time for you to get out and explore what Pennsylvania has to offer other than 24-hour dibers and an unlimited amount of chocolate. Hop in your or your buddies' car and take a weekend road trip to someplace you haven't been before. The change of scenery will be good for you.

Virgo

We all feel a little inadequate at times; it's natural to compare yourself to others and see your deficiencies. However, when you take that look, make sure you see your own substantial great and envy-worthy qualities. Although we all may wear the same brand of clothes and tout the same professor-laden rhetoric, you are unique and special, a one in a million.

Libra

Feeling stress and pressure? Are you on the verge of mental collapse? Take a breath and step back from your crazy-busy life. This is a hard thing to do, I know. When do you actually have a moment to reflect? When do you stop yourself from crying or pulling your hair out? You need to take this step to put things in perspective and realize you will get through the day and live to see another dawn.

Scorpio

Boy kid, your life is going well this month. The lunar moon is definitely smiling down on you and has chosen you as his favorite child for the time being. Take this time to introduce yourself to that special someone you've had your eye on in class. Address your teachers on questions you've had concerning that upcoming project and be honest about the problems you might have been having. They can help you.

Sagittarius

Love is in your cards this month, and how fitting that this month happens to be February, the King of Hearts. So let your heart feel the prick of Cupid's bow and let your inhibitions fly free. I know you might have given up on love in the past, but don't doubt it this time. Many of us have been confused by this fleeting phantom called Love, but give it one more chance. It could change your life and your mind.

Capricorn

You seemed to be confused as of late, but I can't see what seems to be befuddling you. I see a multiple choice test and a pencil with no eraser. It's a bit foggy but someone's head is lying face down on their desk in frustration. Could it be you? I don't know, but are you prepared for the test coming your way at the end of the month. It could make or break your grade, and you don't want to take any chances.

Aquarius

Man to man! You need a job—anything that will get you off your butt and away from the TV and computer screen. Instead of Mommy and Daddy having to fill your bank account at the end of every month, take it upon yourself to ring in the bills. Your parents will be happily surprised at your ambition and you will feel better about yourself as well.

Pisces

Another week has past and you still are in the same old rut. Procrastination has never been your friend and this semester is no different. This little man sits on your shoulder or sometimes hides in your pocket, whispering about how you should not attend class and watch a movie instead, to put off your paper and shop. Unpack Procrastination, life will be better without him.

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will never fail to impress.

Finally, the housemates take us upstairs to the bedrooms where the Italian theme continues. Overall the house is very impressive, worthy of any Saturday night.

Cribs shows great potential in communicating student life. It is a nice twist on the show and creator

Kim Nguyen '07 is very pleased with the result, despite the difficulty of putting it together.

Look forward to future episodes as many students have shown interest in getting involved. It promises to keep you entertained and interested and besides, who doesn't want to see the inside of someone else's home? We are all nosy! Keep your televisions on and stay tuned!

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six has been proposed to further develop those dance skills. Ballroom Dancing Club is where you can exercise, learn a life skill, meet new people and have a great time all at once.

Ballroom is not the only new and actively attended club on campus. A sudden and pleasant outcropping of new organizations have taken their place on campus, hopefully to stay.

Yoga's first session attracted nearly 98 people to its location in the small gym classroom. Taken out into the back hallway, the students took up all available space, barely allowing enough room for the basketball players to squeeze by.

The instructor had to yell instructions up and down the hallway as

students took up Downward Dog and Mountain positions on their towels, jackets and sweatshirts—anything that they could find to keep their bodies away from the cold floor. Aerobics has also been popular amongst students, appealing to their want to stay fit and healthy although finding it a hard task in the College environment.

These new clubs and their high attendance is one way that students are trying to tell the College that we want more. Yes, we are different from large universities capable of sponsoring unlimited activities in attempts to humor their populace. We are a small school with limited funds and resources but we can at least try to achieve the variety that they possess.



Students enjoy ballroom dancing in the Brown Dance Studio.

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'Berg surrenders first place to Ursinus

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Feb. 1, the College competed at Ursinus College for first place in the Centennial Conference. The College came away winning four bouts, but was unsuccessful in overtaking the Ursinus College Bears and lost 24-12. Ursinus took

its 20th CC dual meet win in a row.

Freshman Rob Kein (141 lbs.), sophomore heavyweight Chris Swensen, Junior co-Captain Matt Loesch (197 lbs.) and Senior co-Captain Chris Gibson (165 lbs.) won their individual matches.

"Winning my individual match was a great personal achievement. However, the loss to Ursinus was very disappointing. We did not live up to our wrestling potential. Still, maybe this loss will pump us up because we have two more weeks until Conferences and we have the potential to send three or four men to Nationals if we do well at Conferences," said Gibson.

"Our team has the heart. We just have to learn to put it together during our matches."

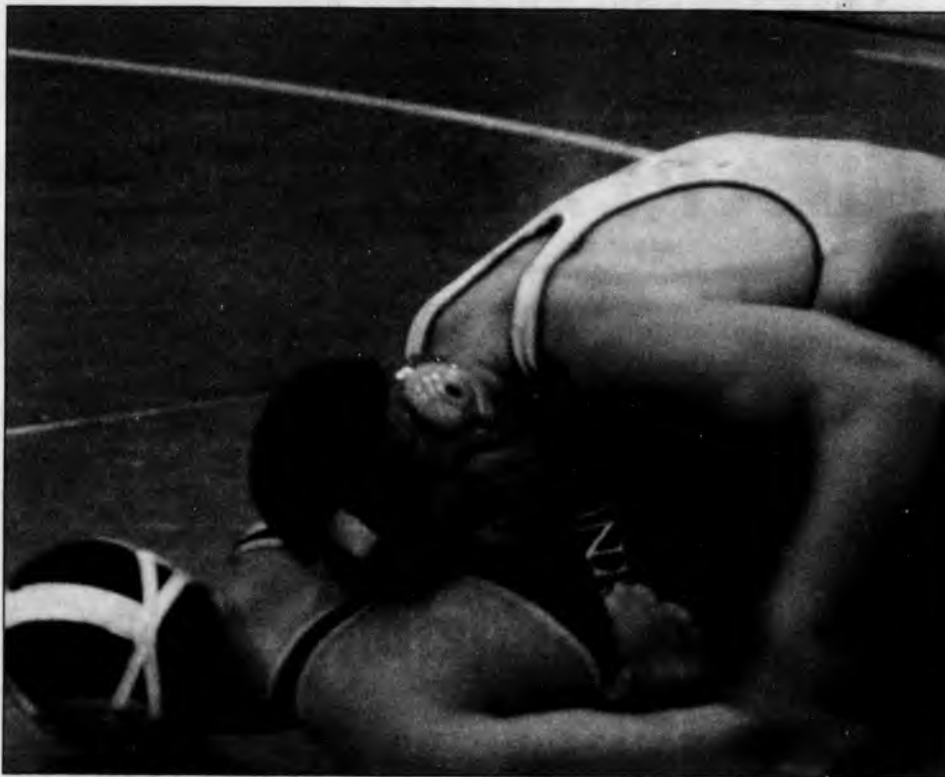
Kein won with a decision of 9-4. His season record now stands at 13-8. Gibson won his bout 8-3 and so far his final season record is 15-10. Swensen came from behind near the end of the third period with a takedown.

Swensen's opponent was awarded a point for riding time and the match went into overtime.

After Swensen's second takedown, he won the match 5-3. At 197 lbs., Loesch was put up against a wrestler with one of the best records in the Conference.

Loesch added another win to his undefeated Conference record with a decision of 5-2. Loesch is currently ranked sixth in his weight class in Division III.

This week the Mules have two meets in two days. Friday they are away at Messiah College and on Saturday the Mules host McDaniel College and Washington and Lee College. The meet begins at 12 p.m. in



Senior Chris Gibson pins his opponent to win his individual match. Even though the Mules won four bouts, they lost to Ursinus College, 24-12, in their Feb. 1 match-up.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS GIBSON

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seven rebounds and five assists.

The seven rebounds made her the fourth player in College history with 500 points, 500 rebounds, 100 assists and 100 steals. Courtney led all scorers with 24 points.

With the win, the Mules broke into the Top-25 d3hoops.com poll, holding the 22nd spot. Moravian dropped out of the Top-25 and now hold 27th place. This ties the largest drop in ranking in the past week.

After the Moravian win, the Mules' record stands at 18-2 overall and 12-2 in the Centennial Conference. The Mules will play McDaniel College this Saturday at home at 6:00 p.m.

In their first meeting, the Mules won a close game with a late basket by Piscadlo. On Monday, the Mules face Dickinson College in front of their home crowd.

In order for the Mules to host the Centennial Conference Tournament, they need to win the rest of their Conference games and Johns Hopkins University needs to lose one Conference game.



Freshman Lauren Boyle draws one of two offensive fouls to help give the Mules an upper edge by increasing their defensive momentum.

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This ice won't melt

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules took the ice two weeks ago with confidence in their minds and plenty to prove. After they beat Franklin and Marshall College and posted their first win in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC), the College needed to win the next three contests for a post-season spot.

The Mules were under a lot of pressure, but they won two games and tied another. With the Mules' win against Millersville University on Jan. 28, they went into Friday's game against The College of New Jersey needing at least a tie to remain a contender.

The very physical match-up ended in an 8-8 tie. The

effort was led by Freshman Jeff Kelleman who scored four goals.

On Saturday, the Mules beat The University of Scranton in a close contest, 6-4. One Mule player scored four goals again, but this time it was by Sophomore Brian

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Veltkamp. Hopes for playoffs were satisfied when Franklin and

Marshall, who is in last place in the DVCHC, tied LaSalle College, who had held the last spot for playoffs. However, the LaSalle/Franklin & Marshall tie and Mule win allowed a swap. The fourth-place finish was enough to allow the Mules to qualify for the DVCHC Division II playoffs.

The Mules finish up the regular season with a game against Moravian College this Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

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away game losing streak. A fairly even first half of basketball set the stage for a scratch-and-claw second half. The Franklin & Marshall Diplomats came out strong in the second half and the Mules trailed by ten points early on.

However, a 13-4 run with three-pointers from three different Mules (O'Brien, Junior Chris Huber and Freshman Chris MacIntosh) tightened the game in the final stretch.

With the game tied at 50 points with nine minutes to go, a ten-point run including three points from Freshman Mike Bernardini and seven points from Stewart put the Mules up seven points. Three points from Freshman Mike Bernardini and seven points from Stewart put the Mules up seven points.

The Diplomats fought back and tied the score again with only 2:30 to go in the game.

The Mules led by one point in the last seconds of the game, but a tip-in from Franklin and Marshall play-



Freshman Mike Bernardini shoots through two tough defenders.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

er Derek Hines sealed the deal for Franklin & Marshall, sending the Mules home with a 65-64 loss.

"Franklin and Marshall is a hard place to play," commented Stewart. "We knew we had to play hard and come out strong. The final basket proves that the whole game can depend on a single play."

Stewart led the Mules with 19 points and nine rebounds. O'Brien finished

behind his teammate with 18 points.

The loss put the Mules in a three-way tie for the final playoff spot with Haverford and McDaniel College. Each team has four CC games remaining on their schedules, which could make for a heated battle for fifth place.

The Mules' next Conference game is Saturday against McDaniel College at 8:00 p.m.

Mules sprint through records

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The indoor track and field team had several standout performances at the Frank Colden Invitational this past Saturday at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa.

The Mules featured one NCA A

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

qualifier, six Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) qualifiers and four College record-breaking performances.

For the women, Seniors Danielle Seiler and Karen Mount each won an event and broke a College record. Seiler won the 400 meter race with a time of 59.54, winning by almost two-and-a-half seconds, and Mount won the mile with a time of 5:11.10, knocking three seconds off of her personal best and capturing first place by more than six seconds. Both qualified for the ECACs in their

respective events.

Seiler and Mount teamed up with Freshman Kathryn Niedzwiecki and Sophomore Jenna Lombardi to win the 4x400 meter relay race. They broke the College record and qualified for ECACs with a time of

4:09.07. The women also broke the College's

record in the 4x200 meter relay race with a team of Seiler, Lombardi, Sophomore Emily Karel and Freshman Amanda Martini.

The men's team featured two first-place winning performances, one NCAA qualifier and one ECAC qualifier.

Junior Lex Mercado was the year's first College athlete to qualify for the NCAA Championships with his 1:54.87 first-place finish in the 800-meters. This race was Mercado's first time running the 800-meter race this season.

Mercado joined Junior

Steve Rothwell, Senior Jason Finkelstein and Sophomore Dan Steinhart for a first-place and ECAC-qualifying time of 3:29.85 in the 4x400 meter relay race.

Junior Tim Seeley broke the College record in the 3,000 meter race. His time of 8:50.14 was an 11-second improvement on his personal best.

"The coaches had pointed to this weekend where we wanted to make a statement about ourselves, not only in the Conference but in the region," said Seeley.

"I think we all did an amazing job of showing ourselves and if we continue performing like we have, both teams have a great chance of achieving the goals that were set before the season began," said Seeley.

The Mules have the opportunity to continue achieving goals this Saturday at the Bucknell Classic at Bucknell University.



Junior Tim Seeley runs his record-breaking 3,000 meter race.

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Mules muzzle Greyhounds

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team had another impressive week due to their win against the Moravian College Greyhounds, who were ranked 19th in Division III at the time of the game.

The Mules moved up statistically to be in the Top Ten of Division III in NCAA in two defensive categories. They rank seventh in scoring defense average with 49.7 points. The team also lowered their field-goal percentage defense from .322 to .312, which is sixth in the country.

The Mules took on the Haverford College Fords on Jan. 31. The Mules were losing for almost the entire game until they went on a 17-3 run in the last 7:31 of the game. Haverford tried to end their 27-game losing streak by beating the Mules, but the Mules' defense was too much for the Fords. They ended up losing 50-46.

Senior Kristen Piscadlo led the Mules with 16 points, while Senior Lacie Smith contributed ten points.

Freshman Lauren Boyle finished with 12 points and five assists.

The Mules were without Centennial Conference Player of the Week Meghan Courtney due to a mild concussion; it was her second in three weeks. Prior to the Haverford game, she averaged 17.7 points and 11.3 rebounds. She had two double-doubles against Franklin and Marshall College and Gettysburg College. Courtney was back on the court on Feb. 2 to play nationally-ranked Moravian College.

The Greyhounds were ranked 19th in the country by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and D3hoops.com.

Despite Moravian's national recognition, the Mules jumped out to the early lead and never lost it. The Mules' margin over the Greyhounds extended to 55-35 with 11 minutes to play in the game.

However, Moravian put on a pressure defense and had a 10-0 run themselves to bring the score to 59-52 with four minutes to play. Piscadlo hit a three-ponter to go up ten points, but the Greyhounds went



Junior Meghan Courtney takes the game clinching shot in the Mules' win against Moravian College last Thursday.

on a 7-0 run to bring them down by three points with 43.3 seconds on the clock. Courtney hit a big bucket to seal the deal and the Mules won 64-59. Piscadlo had eight

points, eight assists, five rebounds and five steals. Senior Stephanie Coluccini contributed four points.

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Playoff shop still open for business



Junior Chris Huber dribbles down the court to in the Mules' win over Haverford College.

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team has been following the same pattern all season long: winning by large margins at home and not being able to work toward victories out on the road. This past week was no different for the team as they went 1-1, with the win at home.

On Wednesday night the Haverford College Fords visited Memorial Hall. The loud home crowd played a role in the first half rally of the Mules. Needing a win to stay in the Centennial Conference playoff race,

the Mules began the second half with outstanding-shooting. They made 13 of their first 17 field goal attempts, but eight turnovers in the first seven minutes kept them from extending the lead until the ten minute mark. The Mules' lead was eventually extended to 19 by halftime.

The Mules' lead as they came out of halftime fired-up, but a strong Mules' defense prevented the Fords from scoring for over six minutes. The defense allowed the Mules to pull away with the game. They led by as

much as 44 points. The Mules won 99-59.

The Haverford game was the highest scoring game by the Mules this year and the highest scoring CC game so far this season. Junior Jeff Stewart shot ten for 15 from the field, recording his 11th double-double and tenth 20-plus point game of the season. Senior Jimmy O'Brien finished with 15 points and seven rebounds while Junior Tom Scott had 12 points, six boards and four assists.

On the road at Franklin and Marshall College on Saturday, the Mules again attempted to break their

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

**What makes
a president?**

The life of a president: Abraham Lincoln

1809--Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12 in Hardin County, Ky.

1831--Lincoln works for himself by boatbuilding, sailing, carpentry, hog-slicking, saw milling, black-smithing, river-pilot, logger, etc., in Menard County, Ind.

1832--Gives first political speech against Henry Clay, Whig platform. He was defeated through a strong local vote.

1834--Elected to State legislature as Whig. (Resides in Springfield, Ill. till 1861. Law partner with John L. Stuart till 1840.)

1836--Reelected to the Illinois General Assembly as a member of the Whig Party.

1838 to 1840--Reelected to State legislature.

1840--Partner in law with S. T. Logan.

1844--Proposed for Congress.

1846--Elected to Congress as the single Whig Illinois member; voted anti-slavery; sought abolition in the D. C.; voted Wilmot Proviso. Declined reelection.

1854--Won the State over to the Republicans.

1860--On May 9, he was nominated for President, "shutting out" Seward, Chase, Cameron, Dayton, Wade, Bates and McLean.

1861--On March 4, he was inaugurated as the sixteenth President; succeeds Buchanan, and precedes his vice president--Andrew Johnson, whom General Ulysses S. Grant succeeded. The Civil War began by firing on Fort Sumter, Apr. 12.

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Kennedy voices optimism

By Alex Kennedy 09
Class of 2009 President

Donald H. McGannon once said, "Leadership is action, not position." I have now served as the president of the class of 2009 for the past four months and I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the challenges and duties that have come with it. As class president, I have the role of acting as the voice for the class of 2009, and I carry out this task on a weekly basis through the Student Council meetings.

To be a class president, the mindset must not be of positional status and glory, but of leadership, focus and action. He or she must exhibit an ability to communicate clearly about where the Student Body is going, how they will get there, how they will achieve the goals that have been set and what each person will contribute to ultimately reach these goals. The president should have a solid track record that shows things will get done and goals will be achieved and that he or she has the skills and the gift to lead the class. He or she will enable every student to be given the opportunity to express themselves.

So what inspired me to be president of this freshman class? From early childhood, I have always felt like I had to be the leader and the one in charge, no matter what the scenario was. Whether it was group work in class, a basketball practice or a Student Council meeting in high school, I have always been the one to step up and take the initiative.

To be a class president, the mindset must not be of positional status and glory, but of leadership, focus and action.

My prior experiences as a Key Club President and as a supply minister at my church gave me the poise and confidence to lead a group of people and, in this case, the freshman class. I am a person who remains strong and stands up for my beliefs but I am also quick to recognize and take the responsibility for my mistakes. Nobody in this world is perfect and everybody makes mistakes. Risks have to be taken and the people who can accept their mistakes and learn from them are the ones who ultimately succeed in this world.

Success and growth is only attained at Muhlenberg from the efforts and the desire of the students as a whole. Each and every one of you can contribute and all of your requests and ideas will be heard. One of the most important qualities that a president can have is the ability and the gift to be a good listener. I've learned over the years that I have acquired so much of my knowledge just from listening to my peers. When students feel the recognition and know their voice is being heard, the effect is greater and the desire to achieve goals and make

changes increases.

I have taken the role as class president because this is something that I feel like I should be doing. I am not only responsible for the ideas and requests of my classmates, but also for my own personal goals.

Being a leader and a listener have always come naturally to me and I hope that I have been, and will continue to be, that person that people can approach with ideas, questions and requests to make this college a better place.

Giving Fine presidential advice

By Jared Fine 06
Student Body President

What's it like to be Student Body President? For starters, it is a job. A fun one, sure, but it is a 24/7 gig.

There are issues and problems that need to be fixed--and there always will be. However, the real challenge lies with the people you deal with on a regular basis. This position is not about doing the work so much as building relationships and being social. It's important to realize that not everyone is going to like you.

In any case, it is tough, so take a little advice: we're always stressed and this job keeps you pretty busy. But we all need a few minutes each day to just zone out and do nothing. I'm talking literally nothing--think *Office Space*. Just give yourself a break every once in a while and relax.

I was never part of student government in high school, or even in college, until right before I was elected. In about a month's time, I went from not being on Student Council to a short three or four-week stint as an Interim Representative to President. There is definitely a political aspect to this position. You are expected to be a politician. I have to say I have become pretty good at schmoozing. This frightens me, I really don't want to be that guy. My friends on campus will tell you that while I've always been socially confident, I was never a politician--at least in the traditional (i.e. annoying and overbearing) sense.

About a dozen people warned me to "just remember that you can't please everyone," immediately following my election. While this might be accurate, I don't think it's about pleasing anyone at all. For me, it's about taking into account

2,100 experiences currently being had at Muhlenberg, and in a way, striving to be average. As Student Body President, you are called upon to speak for the Student Body, and it helps to have a sense of what the general student opinion is on a given issue. I felt I had this going for me when I decided to run, based solely on the relationships I had with students on this campus.

People told me I had a great responsibility when I got elected, meaning "stay out of trouble." But I wanted to do my best in this position, and in order to do that, I needed not to back off, but continue to fully immerse myself in the life of this campus. This meant going to events like (gasp) parties.

Yes, your Student Body President parties. I enjoy a spirited game of Beirut/beer pong (see how politically correct I've become), and occasionally flip cup. I also like to partake in Wing Night at Stooges, Woody's (it will never be "Liberty Street Tavern") and on a warmer night, the ever so popular, critically-acclaimed Lupo's Beef and Ale.

When I'm out at these fine establishments (which seems to be getting more and more frequent as graduation approaches), people I don't know often come up to me and say something like, "Oh, you're like the President of Muhlenberg or something, right?" Like I said, it's a 24/7 job. Some of the most valuable input I get from students comes at times like these. It helps me help you. So, when our paths cross, don't hesitate to flag me down. It's been a pleasure to serve you, and I hope I've done something in the past year that will have made your time at Muhlenberg better. If not, I really do apologize. You can't please everyone, right?



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Taking a look at presidency in a global perspective

By Christopher Herrick, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science

During the nineteenth century, the United States' presidential system served as a model for those relatively few states that chose a governmental system headed by someone other than a hereditary monarch. These states were mostly in Latin America, where popular experience with a distant sitting monarch was not particularly positive and where the U.S. served as a natural model for the hemisphere. However, this dominance of the American model of the presidency did not last.

Most Americans are unaware of the fact that the American presidential model was adopted by relatively few states after the nineteenth century. During the twentieth century, two other models for a presidency emerged. One of these models has come to be the most popular model for a presidential system.

In a relatively small number of states, such as Germany (under the post-World War II constitution, the Basic Law), Italy and Ireland, the president is more or less a figurehead whose principal responsibilities include hosting official dinners and opening shopping malls. These are systems where the president is head of state and a prime minister is head of government.

However, even these figurehead presidents can use their official position to raise issues to the national agenda. The late President Johannes Rau of Germany publicly exhorted both the population and the government not to forget the lessons of the Holocaust and to take from that experience a commitment to be more inclusive in their attitudes towards German citizenship.

The majority of states (ranging from Africa and Asia to post-Communist European states like Poland) that have altered their constitutional systems since the beginning of the twentieth century have adopted a model that fuses a powerful president to a parliamentary system. Although many would refer to this as the French or Gaullist model, this type of executive dyarchy presidency can actually be traced to the constitutional system instituted by Chiang Kai-shek in China in the 1930s.

In this mixed system, the president, like the U.S. president, has overall responsibility for setting the policy agenda. However, unlike the U.S. system, a prime minister, who is accountable to the legislature, has day-to-day responsibility for overseeing the government and law-making. In practice, this can mean that the presidents in mixed systems have the luxury of

The 15 most democratic countries in the world



1. Finland	4. Sweden	7. Netherlands	10. Canada	13. Belgium
2. Denmark	5. Switzerland	8. Australia	11. Austria	14. Ireland
3. New Zealand	6. Norway	9. U. K.	12. Germany	15. U. S.

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blaming politically unpopular policies on the prime minister and then letting that prime minister take the political heat. This was true for President Jacques Chirac's policy in reaction to the riots around Paris, France.

Also, the mixed presidential system can serve as a mechanism to groom successors to the presidency. This was successfully done in Taiwan in the 1980s and 1990s as that country moved toward a more truly functioning democracy. Under the mixed system, the president may be both stronger and weaker than the American president.

In most instances, the presidential powers in a mixed presidential system are only vaguely defined in terms of defense, foreign policy and the catchall statement that the president is the arbiter of policy disputes within the government. Given the emphasis upon the foreign policy role of the president, one might think that s/he would have little domestic power.

However, most presidents under this mixed constitutional framework have noted that all domestic policies involve policy disputes; therefore, they can have a dominant say in any domestic policy area. Further, the president has a power that the U.S. president does not have. That is, the president in a mixed system can dismiss the prime minister and call for new elections at any time with relatively little difficulty.

Thus, unlike a U.S. president, who is confronted by a legislature controlled by an oppos-

ing party and must wait two years to reshape that legislature, the president of the mixed system can call for immediate elections to reconstitute a legislature that will enact the legislation s/he desires. Of course, a dyarchy presidency could on occasion lead to a prime minister and parliament from one party and a president from another.

The French referred to this problematic situation as "co-habitation," when President Chirac, a member of the Gaullist party, had to appoint Lionel Jospin (a member of the Socialist party) as Prime Minister of France. More recently, the Palestinian elections on Jan. 10 have resulted in similar politically difficult circumstances with a President from one party (al Fatah) and a Prime Minister from another (Hamas).

Ultimately, the power of the presidency, be it the U.S. model, a mixed presidency or a figurehead president, is shaped not just by the separate constitutions outlining presidential powers.

A president's power also depends on the presence within those constitutions of guidelines enumerating meaningful civil and political rights, the willingness of the presidents to adhere to and promote those rights (as in the case of President Rau), and, ultimately, the willingness of the populations of those states to demand that their president adhere to constitutionally specified limits that preserve the rights of citizens to exercise civil and political liberties.

NOT SURE YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PRESIDENT? JUST CHECK OUT THESE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SOME OF OUR OWN U.S. PRESIDENTS:

EVERY MORNING, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AWOKE TWO HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE EVERY MORNING IN ORDER TO GO SKINNY DIPPING IN THE POTOMAC RIVER.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON USED TO WALK AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE TURNING OFF LIGHTS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE MONEY.

WARREN G. HARDING ONCE LOST ALL OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHINA GAMBLING ON ONE HAND OF CARDS.

ULYSSES S. GRANT WAS ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING. HE WAS FINED \$200 AND THE OFFICER FORCED HIM TO WALK BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

JOHN F. KENNEDY'S FATHER GAVE HIM \$1,000,000 WHEN HE TURNED 21. THE SAME GIFT WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF HIS NINE SIBLINGS ON THEIR 21ST BIRTHDAYS.

ANDREW JACKSON WAS THE ONLY PRESIDENT TO EVER KILL A MAN IN A DUEL.

BENJAMIN HARRISON WAS AFRAID OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND HAD STAFF MEMBERS TURN LIGHT SWITCHES ON AND OFF FOR HIM.

FRANKLIN PIERCE WAS ARRESTED FOR HUNNING OVER A WOMAN IN HIS CARRIAGE. THE CHARGES WERE DROPPED.

College President takes the Helm

Transcribed by Stacy Romascavage
Asst. Focus Editor

In examining the duties of presidents, *The Muhlenberg Weekly* sat down with the college president, Randy Payton Helm, to discuss the difficulties and rewards of presidency.



Photo by John Dunphy

The Weekly: How do you like being the President of Muhlenberg College so far?

President Randy Helm: I am having a blast. It is the most interesting job. I am very stimulated. The responsibilities at times are sometimes awesome. You develop a capacity for prayer. And in this job, you have to pray. Frequent prayer in this job. You have to pray for a lot of guidance.

TW: Why did you want to be the president?

PH: Well, you know, for many years, I did not think I wanted to be the president. For many years, I was the Vice President of a college and I had a boss who was excellent. An excellent boss who did things in a way that I could never do things. And if that is what I have to do to be president, that is not me. And when he retired I realized how excellent he was. He was an excellent president. And it dawned on me that you don't have to do this job one way.

And once that idea dawned on me, it hit me that I really liked liberal arts colleges and liked the number of aspects of liberal arts colleges. And the president might be a very stimulating and rewarding job. And Muhlenberg was very stimulating. I didn't know that Muhlenberg was looking. And a friend of mine nominated me. And the more I learned about Muhlenberg, the more interested I became. So, here I am.

TW: What is the best aspect of being the president?

PH: Aside from the great birthday parties, the variety of people you get to meet. They are

interesting. The students, faculty, alumni, the families. They are interesting people. You get to have interesting conversations with people that are all different.

Today, I spoke to people about the film studies program. I interviewed a candidate of the religion department and a candidate for the math department. I had lunch with the mayor of Allentown. I got about a jillion e-mails. There's a lot happening all the time. The president's role is to try to include everyone in the conversation and that is what I prize and I hope I am good at it.

TW: What is the hardest part about being the president?

PH: The hardest part is that you can't please everyone all the time. And sometimes you are going to have to disappoint people because you can't please everyone. The hardest thing is appeals from the Judicial Board. I am the final appeal. To me, it is wrenching to have a student try to decide how to try to get someone's life back on track. To try and have a sanction that might not be good for them but in the long run it will be good. That's hard.

TW: What type of characteristics should a president have?

PH: I am not claiming I have these qualities. But [to be a successful president of an type of organization] you have to have humor, energy, basic sense of fairness, have to love education, faculty, students, dialogue, conversation and finally you have to be able to laugh at yourself.

Breaking the Muhlenberg Bubble

Two students share their experience from their semesters in Washington, D.C.

By Amy Mahn
Class of 2006

Through the Lutheran College Washington Semester program offered through Muhlenberg College, I was able to substitute a normal fall semester in Allentown, Pa. for an exciting experience in Washington, D.C.

As an intern for Congressman Mike Ferguson (D-NJ), I was able to work on Capitol Hill four days a week while taking two classes through the program. While I did enjoy my Global Agenda and Political Communication courses, the most engaging part of the semester was my internship on the Hill. I was relegated to such menial tasks as answering the phone, sorting mail and making copies, but another part of my position was giving tours of the United States Capitol to constituents.

Each day of my job was unpredictable and, while running errands around the Capitol and office buildings, I encountered several prominent politicians and witnessed many key votes and hearings.

In addition to experiencing politics first-hand on Capitol Hill, I was able to learn more about Washington through weekly field trips administered by the program.

We attended a lecture at the Supreme Court and took tours of the National Archives, International Spy Museum, Woodrow Wilson House, the Pentagon and several other historic locations. The apartments we lived in were right next to the Arlington Cemetery, and we were able to easily access the Metro to travel to places like the Smithsonian museums and other

sites in the D.C. area. Living and working in Washington, D.C. exposed me to areas of politics not easily covered in the classroom. Working where the news takes place instead of watching it on television was very educational and helpful for finishing a political science major at Muhlenberg.

By J. Colette Beyer
Class of 2006

It is common to hear Muhlenberg students express their disdain with the Muhlenberg "bubble" and speak fondly of entering the "real" world upon graduation.

While international study abroad opportunities offer students culture experiences, they arguably fall short in providing students with a taste of the working world. For fifteen weeks, I spent my time both as a student and as a working individual, first for the Department of Justice and then for Hillel: The Foundation for Campus Life. This unique opportunity allowed me to continue my studies uninterrupted, while experiencing first-hand the fast-paced working world.

Individuals who have never lived inside the Beltway (the notoriously confusing highway system around Washington) see the city simply as an amalgamation of partisan politicians, lobbyists and historical monuments. This perception continues today because what happens in the Beltway, stays in the Beltway. With the consistent threat of scandals and information leaks looming over the District, Washingtonians inadvertently keep the heart of the city from outsiders' eyes. Aware of this phenomenon, the semester's organizers showed students a little piece of the real Washington.

Aside from visiting the traditional tourist sites, the Lutheran College Washington Semester provided opportunities for briefings, at both the State Department and Saudi Arabian embassy, presentations from notable speakers such as Steve Forbes at the Heritage Foundation and press conferences at the exclusive National Press Club.

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Wescoe School to offer healthcare concentration

By Will Trevethick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Beginning in May, the College's Wescoe School will begin offering an accelerated bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management. This new branch of the accelerated business administration program will join more than 20 majors already offered by the Wescoe School, which offers continuing studies programs and evening classes.

The introduction of this new program coincides with recent

research showing that the healthcare business is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing employers in the country.

Nancy Dischinat, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc., attributes the need for more healthcare professionals to the aging baby boomer generation.

Dischinat said, "This growth is expected to continue for the next ten years, and we need to respond to this trend with a well-trained workforce."

In order to be eligible to enter the accelerated degree program, an associate's degree or the credit equivalent of an associate's degree from an accredited institution is required. In the accelerated program, students take 17 classes over 22 months with each class lasting for about five weeks. Upon entering the accelerated

program the students are placed in teams and work on presentations and real world projects that focus on cooperation as opposed to individual assignments.

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The accelerated degree program is directed at those individuals already working in the healthcare industry who are looking for the opportunity to advance their career status. The program gives students the chance to see how the healthcare industry functions and allows them to use what they have learned in a real world setting.

Dr. Simon Priest, Dean of the Wescoe School, said, "Management positions in healthcare organizations require a unique set of skills that are not typically addressed in clinical training."

The list of careers that the new program will help students prepare for is lengthy. A few of those job opportunities are Director of Nursing, Medical Practice Manager and Registered Nursing Home Administrator.

The Wescoe School has just launched newspaper

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The College revises Finance Manual

By Elyse Ettin
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Student Council Finance Manual at the College has recently undergone some major changes. This manual is revised every year by the Finance Committee after Student Council votes on the policy changes. Each year, the major goal of revising the manual is to make it more user-friendly.

Kim Nguyen '07, Treasurer of Student Council, said, "Being on the Committee is very time consuming and also can be demanding, depending on the matter at hand. Revising the manual takes four hours a week."

One major change that greatly affects clubs on campus is that newly recognized organizations are now allowed to request up to

\$100 for publicity materials. This allows them to advertise their organizations so that people are aware that the club exists. These advertisements allow organizations to publicize their club meetings in the hope that more people will come to the meetings. Clubs that are just starting up this semester, such as MINT*, are taking advantage of this option in order to increase their numbers.

Xiomera A Fernandez '08, President of MINT*, said, "Starting out, we didn't have a lot of money and since we were new to the school this year, the school really helped us out a lot when we really needed it. We didn't have money for costumes and things like that. The program was really beneficial."

Student organizations are also now able to receive up

to \$500 for food each semester for campus-wide events. The order must go through Sodexo if the event is anywhere other than the Martin Luther Hall Underground. The cost to bring dinner outside is \$300, a large portion of the maximum amount that can be spent on food. Hillel is most greatly affected by this change in the Finance Manual because they have Shabbat dinners every Friday night.

(The two exceptions to this change are The Muhlenberg Activities Council and the Residence Hall Association are both allowed to request over \$500 for food because they are under another part of these changes.)

Another change is that Student Council is now able

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The Finance Committee, pictured above, worked hard to amend the Finance Manual.

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When one red door closes, another opens

People have different reactions to change. Some people loathe the times when their routine is upset, while others relish the chance to experience something new. Indeed, in this school year we have seen many changes, such as Becky Grace leaving Student Activities to assume a new role as Assistant Director of Residential Services, and the institution of a new alcohol policy. As shown in the Feb. 9 issue of *The Weekly*, the College is about to embark on yet another change, this one which will affect all who enter through the red doors. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students for as long as most students can remember, will leave office on Mar. 3 and Karen Green will become the new Dean of Students at the College.

Rudy Ehrenberg has been an institution at the College. No matter the event, the chances were that you would see Ehrenberg's smiling face in the crowd: talking to students, engaging them in discussion and making good on his job description. He was the Dean of Students and his constant interaction with the College's students proved that. In an age where many people have become impersonal, Ehrenberg maintained an old-fashioned grace and warmth that we sincerely appreciated.

Yes, Ehrenberg will be missed. However, the end of something always means the beginning of something else. Our new beginning is with Green, and we anxiously await the opportunity to meet this woman who will guide the students of the College. It is our hope that Green emulates Ehrenberg's willingness to interact with the students and does not become a face that never appears on Academic Row or in the Garden Room. Nevertheless, we are eager to see what new ideas and energy Green will bring to the College and how she will invigorate a College that can often get caught up in its own neuroses.

As Ehrenberg's retirement date approaches, we here at *The Weekly* want to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to the College. As this red door closes, we hold open another for Green, to whom we wholeheartedly say welcome and good luck.

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

One of the most embarrassing moments in my life was when I failed my driver's test. I could not believe it. The most frustrating aspect of failing was that I actually knew how to drive. I was, however, a bit nervous because I did not take the test in my hometown. Therefore, I was unfamiliar with the roads, the course and, to top it off, my instructor was an ex-military drill sergeant.

So why exactly is this relevant to anything? Believe it or not, I am actually using this heart-breaking story to defend the practicality of tests and the academic framework of Muhlenberg College, both of which were questioned two weeks ago in the article "To prevent mental stagnation, new academic awareness needed" by John Dunphy. While I concede that tests are often stressful and may seem meaningless, they do serve a purpose. They provide a uniform standard for gauging how well a person understands certain material. The above is my own definition, but dictionary.com defines "test" in several ways, with one of them being "a procedure for critical evaluation; a means of determining the presence, quality or truth of some thing."

I did not realize this when I failed my driver's test, but sometimes it's not enough to simply "know something." You have to be able to prove that you know it, even under pressure, in unfavorable circumstances and if you "are not a good test-taker." Tests arguably are the fairest form of proof. Muhlenberg, at least in my opinion, generally administers tests in a way that goes beyond the regurgitation of facts. The material that tests are based on truly serves to enhance our knowledge in many areas of life.

Often, materials covered in class are related to other fields of study.

For example, the scansion techniques used in my Lyric Tradition class apply to my John Milton class, where we examine key literary works like *Paradise Lost*. My archaeology class on ancient Rome gives me some background information on the Roman Stoicism that we are looking at in my War and Justice class. When I read about the Middle East in the *New York Times*, I can understand the motives for certain political moves thanks to my Politics of the Middle East course. One of my professors told our class of a letter from one of his former students. She is now in law school and admits that certain courses she took at Muhlenberg are very useful in her current studies.

Call me Pollyanna, but I do not believe for one second that Muhlenberg is releasing into the world "parrots" or "garden vegetables." I don't think that I am being naïve in my assertions, either; actually, those who know me can tell you that I am somewhere between a realist and a border-line cynic, depending on the day.

For right now, I will play along with the SEE ACADEMICS | PAGE 3

The College lives up to its academic mission

Colleges can't play fair

John Dunphy
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

When I was first applying to colleges, I remember my high school guidance counselor saying that Muhlenberg was an excellent school. He spoke very highly of its credentials and when I was sent my acceptance letter, he congratulated me several times. Not only is this a fantastic college, but I would also be the first from my high school to attend. It wasn't until I spoke with the secretary to the principal that I was given my first dissenting voice. She said that I wouldn't like it because of the college's demographic.

It is at this point that I should state that the school I attended was in North Bergen, N.J. The demographics for this town, as stated by the United States Census Bureau, reveals that African-Americans are relatively equal in number to White/Caucasians. The secretary was worried that the demographic would leave me in a world unfamiliar and out of my understanding.

In the Sept. 8 issue of *The Weekly*, "Finding common ground among race," Acacia Cochise stated that the number of African-Americans on campus has remained at a consistent rate for the past four years of my college experience. Sadly, this rate has been approximately five to ten indi-

viduals per semester. Not only that, but there have been few increases in other races and nationalities as well. Can the College really be blamed, however?

Of course not. This is our society, our government and our way of life. In a capitalist society, everyone needs to get paid equally to his or her value. It just so happens that we have professors and staff members who are extremely talented and have garnered a great deal of prestige in their respective fields. The campus is beautiful and it takes a lot of money to keep it that way. This problem is the same for many of the institutions across America.

In every state there are beautiful campuses and professors who have proven themselves to their colleagues. The problem is that the amount of money to keep all of this running is large and so every year, students of the upper to upper-middle class attend these places of learning to grow more intelligent and go on to become even more upper to upper-middle class than their parents. This is one of the reasons that we see the gap between the have's and the have-not's growing greater every day.

What chance does the lower class, who are unfortunately mostly the minority in the popula-

tion, have at possibly making it into a college or university that would actually help them reach the top of the ladder? Sure, there are scholarships that could be awarded, but the rising cost of attending a school and the immeasurable interest that some loan offices charge for tuition money is daunting. How can someone from say, inner-city New York, NY with old textbooks and little to no idea how to use the Internet ever hope to either get into or to feel at all at home if they do?

We have to look for solutions, because if we don't than that is saying that we are content with the way things are and the way things are isn't too great. There needs to be greater government support for schools. Not just colleges, but more importantly, in early education facilities. From there, there needs to be government intervention in higher learning facilities in order to take the monetary pressure off of students, whether it is through giving more scholarships, giving more tax breaks to schools or going so far as to offer a higher-grade government instituted colleges and universities. I'd say that communism would be the only answer for equal education, but that would be another article all in itself.

Are cartoons just fun and games?



Joe Caparoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Embassies are being attacked. Buildings are being set on fire. Violent protests are taking place in a wide array of countries. A dozen people have been killed by the outbreaks of anger and rage. Countries are boycotting other country's goods and threatening to end diplomatic ties. What is all the commotion about? The commotion is about a paper with some drawings on it. To be more exact, all of these violent acts being committed worldwide are due to cartoons.

In case you haven't heard by now, a Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, published a series of 12 cartoons portraying the Muslim prophet, Muhammad. The cartoons were reprinted across many other European countries, including France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Most notably displayed on the 12 cartoons was an image of Muhammad with a bomb in his turban and a line of suicide bombers in heaven being told by Muhammad, "Stop, stop we have run out of virgins." Outside of the jabs taken at the prophet, it is sacrilegious to make any depiction of Muhammad in the Muslim faith, whether good or bad.

Needless to say, many followers of Islam did not find the cartoons funny. Violence has erupted across Europe, and many countries in the Middle East have boycotted Danish goods. Syria and Saudi Arabia have called back their ambassadors to Denmark and Libya is closing its embassy in Denmark. Danish flags have been burnt, police forces have had stones thrown at them, buildings have been set ablaze and death threats have been called in.

This is not the first time art has led to violence in the religion of

Islam. In 2004 a Dutch filmmaker was killed after releasing a documentary about violence against Muslim women. In 2002, a Nigerian journalist's article about the Prophet and Miss World contestants sparked riots. In 1989, Ayatollah Khomeini called for the murder of a British author who had apparently committed blasphemy in one of his books.

When looking at the cartoon issue, a few key points need to be established. First, why are all these Muslim countries and Muslim people mad at the country of Denmark? The newspaper that published the cartoons was a private company, not a state-owned business. It is not like all the political leaders of Denmark got together and decided to run the cartoons. This is freedom of speech, yet many of the people violently protesting know nothing about such a thing.

Secondly, what was this newspaper thinking? Did they have the right to publish the cartoons? They absolutely did; however, they exercised terrible judgment. Insulting somebody's religion in as extreme a

...but one needs to use discretion when involving a religion that 1.3 billion people follow.

manner as these pictures did is unnecessary and dangerous. Islam is the world's second largest religion. If Europe is going to be outraged when an Iranian leader calls the Holocaust an "exaggeration," they need to not be hypocritical and tear down another religion's prophet. These countries can talk about freedom of speech all they want, and they are right about the freedom to express opinions, but one needs to use discretion when involving a religion that 1.3 billion people follow.

Thirdly, the Muslims who are being so violent and making death threats are tarnishing their religion's identity. Many Muslims worldwide have called for an end to the violence and for the acts to be protested in an orderly and non-violent manner. Those who are attacking others violently are doing nothing but perpetuating the stereotype promoted by these cartoons.

Our Western civilization and Islamic civilization are further apart than ever. We don't understand each other and the violence keeps escalating. It is a dangerous world we live in when two civilizations this large continue to clash. We need leaders from both sides to step forward and actively work toward a better understanding of each other.

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gardening lingo. Muhlenberg weeds out the less-qualified prospective students in order to find the cream of the crop. The last time I checked, which was my freshman year, Muhlenberg was in the top two to three percent of colleges across the country. Each year, the College becomes even more prestigious and competitive, as we know from the annual hike in tuition fees.

I find it hard to believe that anyone can skate through four years at Muhlenberg simply by cracking open a book five minutes before exam time and watching *The Simpsons*. Speaking of which, from what I hear, *The Simpsons* have been replaced by *Family Guy* as the new wave of the future.

Now more than ever, I am satisfied with Muhlenberg's academics because of my experience abroad. While I have ten extra pounds and an empty bank account that leave no doubts as to how much I enjoyed Italy, it is undeniable that the schools over there are considerably inferior to those in America and to Muhlenberg College. After all, why else would American graduate school programs have so many international students?

An accurate example of regurgitation, without consulting diction-

ary.com, would be one of the many tests that I took or one of the many papers I wrote while studying in Italy. The paper topics were so broad and elementary, (i.e., "Describe the Roman Empire") that I felt like I was practically plagiarizing; professors did not demand that students tie together a string of ideas or create a profound thesis. The topics and tests left no room for my own conclusions.

If you happened to be a "bad test taker," you really were out of luck, because these professors had an extremely small window of time that they offered as "office hours," but were more like "office minutes." At Muhlenberg, the professors are accessible enough to give valuable help and preparation for tests outside of class time.

I know that I sound like I am on the College pay roll with how defensive I am in my claims, but I nevertheless stand by what I say about Muhlenberg's treatment of academics and the general utilization of tests.

And in the grander scheme of things, we cannot just assume that people know how to drive. There must be some sort of test to prove their skills, because from what I hear, garden vegetables do even worse on the road than they do in the classroom.

--Laura Cabrera '07

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Weekly Discourse: Is the College Caring?

The gift that keeps on giving

Ben Jackson
ASST. OP-ED EDITOR

Imagine, if you will, a college where on your daily walk to class you pass at least four people you know or can at least smile and nod at while passing. A place where the teachers know your name and are concerned when you do poorly or miss class. Imagine that in this setting you could join an intramural team, club or organization of your choice with almost no hassle or effort.

Imagine a community so small and close knit that you could show up to support your friend's team and when you cheer them on, they can actually hear you rather than a loud and muffled cry that sounds like "Ehyay efrees ouysouk!" A place where most students can quote the movie *Anchorman*: "I don't know how to put this but I'm kind of a big deal. People know me" and not be joking.

The great news is that this paradise not only exists in our minds and hearts but also in a town called Allen. The mantra of Muhlenberg College, the legendary college paradise for thousands of students each year, is that we all belong to the Caring College.

Our College is not like a typical diet commercial or Americans at the Winter Olympics, because it actually lives up to its hype. Students genuinely seem to care about most of each other. It is not hard when wandering around campus to find groups of friends chatting, eating or celebrating together. It's the type of camaraderie that only a small and special college like Muhlenberg could nurture.

The close structure of social support systems provided at the College as well as outlets to exploit one's talents and opportunities afforded to discover your full potential are nearly unparalleled even at similar small liberal arts colleges. The College nurtures close relationships beginning on the first day of school when they place students in all freshman dorms and grant on-campus housing to almost all other students interested.

For all freshmen, mandatory First-Year Seminars, complete with student and faculty advisors, are

assigned. This type of environment encourages students to work together and to get to know each other in both classroom and social settings. Eventually this leads to friend networking, making it easier to meet new people who might be friends of people you already met.

Freshmen dorms like Prosser Hall where students are packed like marshmallows in smores, make meeting new people and socializing easier than making fun of people who choke on pretzels. Even our Resident Advisors admirably try to provide a sense of community, guidance and support for their residents.

In a university or college with a huge Student Body, it seems like the attitude toward many things such as class, registering for classes, success after graduation and even socializing in general is "who cares?" It's an every man for himself mentality, which can be cruel and tough for students to deal with.

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These cold-blooded diploma churning factories could care less whether students even show up to class, let alone learn anything. Students at these other places of learning find few if any opportunity to meet new people and to socialize.

Most socializing is done through Greek Life, which isn't necessarily bad, but it is definitely not for everyone. At Muhlenberg, students are not forced to join sororities or fraternities to attain a flourishing social life. It's not just the class size that makes the difference between that kind of institution and our own.

People here simply care. They care that you graduate, excel after graduating and have a great growing experience along the way. Simply passing transforms from a main focus to a side note to what knowledge can actually be learned from this course. People here care about you as a student and you as a person--they even care here if you are passing out from drinking (hence the College's new alcohol amnesty policy).

So next time you get down about being a Mule, be grateful for all the amazing people around you willing to share the same Muhlenberg experience with you. After all, sharing is caring.

Is tough love a better option?

Megan Glick
ASST. OP-ED EDITOR

It's my turn to play the jaded, tired and slightly bitter senior. Ben can keep his rose-colored glasses on for now; he's still got another year to get through. I wrote a few weeks ago, reviewing *Live to Tell*, a moving and fascinating student production. In that article, I revealed how the students performing had refreshed my faith in my fellow students, that perhaps Muhlenberg isn't such a bad place to be after all, and that perhaps there is more diversity on this campus than we are allowing ourselves to see. Everything I wrote in that piece I still hold true, even as I am about to criticize the College's use of "caring" as its all-important adjective; in thinking about what to write for this piece, I've just had some second thoughts.

What makes up this College? Student Body, faculty, administration, staff--we're all in this together, all under the

Ben can keep his rose-colored glasses on for now...

title "Caring College." But without students, there would be no college. So where do my problems lie? I knew the second I walked onto this campus that it would be the school for me, and the opportunities I have had and come across during my time here have been amazing. Like the College's mission statement says, I feel I have become an "independent, critical [thinker]," both in and out of the classroom; and I am definitely "committed to life-long learning." What then could I feel jaded and critical about? Unfortunately, it's those around me.

As an assistant editor for *The Weekly*, I have the privilege of reading the entire section before you get to, and in this case, before I write this. John Dunphy '06 writes this week about the make-up of the Student Body, and how it's not something that the College (read: those with offices in Haas) can completely control. I agree. At the same time that lower-class or underprivileged high school students may not have the fairest shot at admission to Muhlenberg, for a myriad of reasons that I feel there are a few too many students here for whom college, especially right out of high school, was the best choice; they just have SAT courses and daddy's money to thank. College is not for everyone; the status quo is not always the best way to go.

As I go to and from classes and run my errands around campus, I see students who aren't here to learn and who aren't appreciative of the opportunity that they have here. (Unfortunately, these students probably aren't reading this paper, but that's just another part of the problem.) These could be freshman still adjusting to college life, and perhaps I just have to have faith in the process of the four-year, small liberal arts college to shape them and mold them so that the College's mission statement is not in vain. Yet if Muhlenberg College were truly caring, I would think that we could figure out a way so that our Student Body would be made up of students here to learn in all ways, and not just here because they meet financial requirements and look alright on paper. (I do admit this is not just a problem at this college.)

Laura Cabrera '07 writes this week about the College's academic programs. We happened to study abroad in the same amazing Italian city and I can assure you she's right when she says that study abroad academics pale in comparison to Muhlenberg's. Being abroad was the best time of my life and I cannot wait to get back overseas, but as far as undergraduate academics are concerned, I was made much more grateful for my educational opportunities here. Time to flip the coin again; as glad as I was to have Muhlenberg classes again, where I get to have stimulating conversations and debates, I was heartbroken to have to come back to a place where so many students have no clue about the big wide world out there. Muhlenberg seems now to me much more of a bubble than it was before I studied abroad.

There aren't many problems on this campus that we can blame on just those in Haas. Muhlenberg students need a dose of tough love, tougher than the challenges presented to them in class. So, College, how can we make this place more aware and worldly (which I think should be implied in our adjective of "caring")? It's something that's up to us, the students, to be more caring, curious and aware. I adore the fact that door-holding is almost something sacred among Muhlenberg students. High time, I say, to open for each other doors to the world outside of this bubble.

Documentaries aim to "fire up" student discussions

By Alicia Dicristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Feb. 13th's showing of the documentary film *Paris is Burning* by Jennie Livingstone in the Center for the Arts initiated an almost two month long documentary film series entitled "Fired Up Films." This film series, presented by the College's and Cedar Crest College's Communication Departments, will show six documentary films. They will be shown at varying locations on both this campus and the Cedar Crest campus. Both are free and open to the public.

Since the film series is co-sponsored by the College's Center for Ethics, the films shown at the College correlate to this year's program topic of "The Ethics and Politics of Identity." The series will culminate on Apr. 19 with a documentary entitled *A Documentarian in the Community: Films by Jim Schneider and His Students*. The late Jim Schneider, former Lecturer of Communication, first initiated this film program in Fall 2004. The continuation of the film series is a tribute to his memory and all that he did for the College Community.

The current proponents of the "Fired up Film" series are Lora Taub-Pervizpour, Assistant Professor of Communication, and Dr. Jim Brancato of Cedar Crest College. According to Taub-Pervizpour they are "committed to keeping the series going in Dr. Jim Schneider's tribute."

Taub-Pervizpour also believes that, "The College, especially with the passing of the new film studies program, is certainly attempting to expand the film culture on campus. It is fitting that this film series, 'Fired Up,' keeps alive

Schneider's passionate contribution to that culture."

In an interview conducted over a year ago, Schneider is quoted as saying, "I always like the statement by German author Gunther Grass that the first duty of the citizens of democracy is to keep their mouths open. Don't shut up and let our leaders do whatever they want. Speak up."

The films chosen for the "Fired Up Films" series this year carries on this principle of inspired discussion. Each of the films in some way deals with a political or social issue that is prevalent in society. After each of the films a student-based discussion is encouraged in order to allow students to express their reactions and views on the issues raised in the documentary.

"It opened my eyes to a different culture that I had never been exposed to before."

Alex Mangini '08

Paris is Burning was an in-depth, frank portrayal of an urban culture submersed in the 1980s. The film centered around the lives of a group of gay African-American men, and their struggles in Harlem, Ny. Most of the vignettes deal with what are commonly known as "Vogue Balls." The balls allowed these men to express themselves through dressing up and competing in a number of categories. This award-winning documentary dealt with controversial topics such as race, gender, class, family and the trials of urban life. The passion and hardships shine through in the lives of the individuals in the documentary.

After the showing of *Paris is Burning*, Alex Mangini '08 expressed her view on the film. "The film was really fascinat-

ing. It opened my eyes to a different culture that I had never been exposed to before." This expression of cultural enlightenment by those who view the films gives testament to what Schneider wished this film series to accomplish and carries on the principle of independent assessment of cultural issues."

Allison Wendling '06 said, "Although I could not directly connect with the ball participants I believe we can all connect with their dream to be perfect and live out a fantasy."



The "Fired up Films" series began in honor of the late, Dr. Jim Schneider.

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Spring Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be **no access before 10:00 a.m.**

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mg/reserv and are due by Wednesday, February 20th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions, please call our office at 248-1815.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The College participates in Quilt-a-thon

By Justin Gerstley
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Sally Harkins '07, Assistant to the Dean at the Wescoe School, Elizabeth Garnto '07 and Sophia Saeed '07, students at the Wescoe School who are taking classes through their accelerated program have been given the challenge of completing a project or sponsoring an event for a non-profit organization.

Joe Kornfiend, Associate Dean of Corporate Alliances and Visiting Lecturer, who is teaching a Managing Organizations course through the Wescoe School, gives the class a major project every five weeks. This group, led by Harkins,

Garnto and Saeed, decided to run an event for the non-profit organization, Quilts for Kids, which transforms scrap fabric into quilts that help comfort children with life-threatening illnesses and abused and battered children. Harkins met with members of Quilts for Kids and together they decided to host a Quilt-a-thon. The group prepped for four weeks prior to the event, hanging fliers and posters all around Emmaus, Pa. and Allentown, Pa. The goal of the Quilt-a-thon was to successfully create 25 quilts. The quilts were then donated to the AIDS Outreach of the Lehigh Valley.

Making 25 quilts was not an easy project. The Quilts for Kids organization prepped everything in advance. At the start of the event, many people, including some expert quilters, doubted that they would finish 25 quilts over the two-day period. Harkins' group was confident that they would finish, and to motivate the volunteers, they would ring a bell and applaud every time someone completed a quilt. The person who created the quilt then got to draw and fill in part of a 'thermometer' that had 25 spaces on it. Although it ended up taking a little longer than expected, with the help of some expert quilters the thermometer was filled up and all 25 quilts were completed.

The Quilt-a-thon took place on Feb. 3 and 4. Each of those days, the volunteers worked 14 hours a day. More than 60 women and men, aging from 11 to 85 years of age, took part in the project. Participants ranged from those without any experience at all to Amish professionals who had volunteered their time. Everyone involved, from the many volunteers to the Quilts for Kids organization to those who made donations, were extremely motivated to raise awareness for their cause.



Design ideas for the quilts were laid out at the Quilt-a-thon.

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The finished quilts will be given to children suffering from life-threatening illnesses or abuse.

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Harkins said, "It's been an incredible two days.

I feel the need to thank Joe Kornfiend for giving us the incredible opportunity to do something like this." The group expects this to be the first of many Quilt-a-thons. The quilts, as well as a paper on their experiences, were displayed during the group's presentation in Kornfiend's class and will be donated to the AIDS Outreach of Lehigh Valley.

"Photos were taken which will be placed on the AIDS Outreach and National Quilts-For-Kids website. We are extremely proud to have been involved in such a worthwhile project," said Harkins.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Rainy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 23	High: 33 Low: 14	High: 30 Low: 18

OFF CAMPUS

Future teachers can enter new program

Allentown School District Superintendent Karen Angello initiated a program where students in the Allentown School District who are considering careers in education can practice teaching through the Future Educators Program.

Juniors and seniors interested in becoming teachers can take a course offered by the Pennsylvania State University for ten weeks during the summer. This course gives these prospective teachers a chance to find out what it is like to be a teacher. The course is paid for through a \$25,000 Private Industry Council and Career Link grant. This year, there are about 25 students involved. The goal of this program is to add diversity to the teaching profession since there are many minority students in the district.

Darwin's theory discussed in Allentown

Darwin was born on February 12, 1809. He wrote *On The Origin of Species*, where he introduced the concept of natural selection. This past Sunday, Charles Darwin's birthday was recognized in most areas of the world.

"Darwin Day" events were planned to celebrate his work, despite the fact that his theory of natural selection has been challenged recently.

Monday was Cedar Crest College's first "Darwin Day," and the college invited a famous evolutionary biologist and Darwin expert, Massimo Pigliucci, to give a keynote address. Pigliucci was not able to make the speech due to a family emergency so the college held a panel discussion on the controversy of evolution and natural selection versus intelligent design.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

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and radio campaigns in order to generate interest in the program. In addition to these campaigns, Brown said that they will use more

Recent research [shows] that the healthcare business is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing occupations in the country.

target marketing by direct mail because it is such a specialized interest.

"We will be focusing mostly on the hospitals and other healthcare institutions in order to stimulate interest in the new program," said Brown.

A press release issued by Jillian Lowery, Director of College Communications, said, "The Wescoe School's new healthcare management concentration will provide students with the competitive edge necessary to separate themselves from other aspiring leaders."

FINANCE

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to fund organizations that are geared toward one sex, such as the Acafellas. The only contingency is that there must be an equivalent group of the opposite sex.

Jeff Williams '06, of the Acafellas said, "Kim Nguyen wanted to recognize us and give us money." The Acafellas have not used the money they received from Student Council on campus at all. Instead, the money has been used to buy CD rights, to travel to Maine to make a CD and to package the CD. This is the first time the Acafellas has been

recognized by the Student Council, which now also funds the Girls Next Door.

In order for club leaders to request money for their organizations, they must attend the Student Council meetings where the funding is discussed.

Nguyen said, "These changes are revolutionary, but necessary. We are confident that student organizations will continue to produce amazing events and

work without our rules, but we are hopeful that through the use of the Finance Manual, we can work to allocate money fairly and concisely to further improve campus life."

With these changes, student leaders have more resources to receive the money they need to start new clubs and organizations and keep them running.

Nguyen said, "Typically, the Finance Committee meets every week and has two to three requests each week. The requests include bus trips to the city, dance concerts, clubs needing equipment, which can include everything from printers to customs."

In revising the policies, Nguyen hopes that they will be encourage new organizations to form and help older organizations to grow.

Nguyen said, "We have a lot of policies, but while implementing policies, it is also very important to us that we are encouraging organizations to fundraise, work together and hold events for the good of the entire Student Body."

One major change that greatly affects clubs on campus is that they are now allowed to request up to \$100 for publicity materials.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 6 - Theft - A student's cell phone was removed from a storage bin while she was exercising in the Life Sports Center. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 6 - Harassment - A student reported receiving harassing phone calls. Campus Safety is still investigating the incident.

Feb. 6 - Theft - On Dec. 12, 2005, a student's cell phone was stolen in the Trexler Library. The student recently reported it to Campus Safety, but there are currently no suspects.

Feb. 8 - Harassment - A student in Brown Hall had a threatening away message posted on America Online (AOL) Instant Messenger. The individual was spoken to and the away message was removed.

Feb. 8 - Disturbance - A Sodexo employee and his girlfriend were verbally

abusing each other in public. The Allentown Police Department was notified and handled the situation.

Feb. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the Keck House due to cooking hamburgers. No damage was done.

Feb. 10 - Door Sensor Alarm - Someone propped the entrance door to Prosser Hall. The students in the building may be fined for continuous propping. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 11 - Sick Visitor - A sick visitor was found throwing up in Brown Hall due to bad food from an unknown Chinese restaurant. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was notified.

Feb. 11 - Stop Sign Violation - A car on its way to Tremont Apartments went through more than one stop sign. Campus Safety was on hand and notified the

Allentown Police Department.

Feb. 12 - Drug Possession - A Resident Hall Advisor in Prosser Hall smelled smoke coming from a student's room. Upon entering the room, alcohol, incense, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found. The individuals responsible were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - A student in Walz Hall kicked a window in the stairwell. Plant Operations was called to clean up the glass. The new window will cost \$500. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - Students in Martin Luther Hall were found throwing things in the hall. They were confronted by Campus Safety and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 12 - Underage Alcohol - An intoxicated student was found throwing up in a Martin Luther Hall bathroom. EMS was notified and the student received medical treatment.

Feb. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - An intoxicated student punched out two windows in Benfer Hall. The student was identified and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 12 - Injured Student - A student broke two windows in Robertson Hall and injured his hand. EMS was contacted and the student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 12 - Underage Alcohol - Two intoxicated students were loudly playing in the snow. The students were uncooperative with Campus Safety Officers, so the Allentown Police Department was notified. Both students were charged

with underage consumption and disorderly conduct.

Feb. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - It was reported that two holes were found punched into a wall in Martin Luther Hall between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 12 - Injured Student - A student in Benfer Hall hit her head. EMS was notified and checked her head. The Health Center was also notified.

Feb. 13 - Disorderly Conduct - An individual reported receiving a harassing phone message on Friday from a non-student who claimed to be her secret admirer. Campus Safety spoke with the caller. The student is considering reporting this phone message to the Allentown Police Department. There is no further information at this time.

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Life!

"Beyond happiness or unhappiness, through it is both things, love is intensity; it does not give us eternity but life, that second in which the doors of time and space open just a crack: here is there and now is always."

-Octavio Paz

Faculty Dance Concert awes the audience with its beauty, grace and variety

By Jenna Flecher
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Muhlenberg Dance Association debuted its biggest event of the year, the Faculty Dance Concert, "Master Choreographers," on Feb. 9. This year's concert featured works by Karen Dearborn, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, Charles Anderson, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance, and Shelley Oliver, Instructor of Theatre and Dance, and included a variety of dance forms from jazz-tap to modern to classical ballet.

The concert opened with Oliver's tap piece "Sources of Light: A Tribute to Ray Charles." The piece was structured as three distinct pieces beginning with a swanky and almost lyrical duet danced by Kaitlyn Johnson '08 and Christopher Shepard '07.

As the piece progressed into the next segment, a group number, the dance retained its sophisticated feel but became more playful. Still, the dancers projected a hip attitude, as if they were tap dancing in an upscale New York jazz lounge. The piece built to a dynamic energetic ending with the last segment, the largest group number of the three.

Next came "Stirrings," a piece originally choreographed by guest artist Charlotte Boye-Christensen. "Stirrings" was a modern dance piece featuring a combination of strong lines and graceful shapes.

The first of the concert's two ballet pieces came next. "Faultline," choreographed by Dearborn in collaboration with Kathleen Bibalo, Part-time Lecturer of Theatre and Dance, was a contemporary ballet piece. The six dancers in "Faultline" moved gracefully with a precise feeling of punctuated fluidity. The dancers' interactions with each other seemed to set off strands of movement that furthered the progress of the piece.

Anderson's "Bodies and Souls" followed "Faultline." "Bodies and Souls" was African-influenced modern, Anderson's signature movement style. The piece featured Adam Reich '06 as a soloist with the company of eleven other dancers. Reich danced well, really commanding the fiery movement. This piece had an organic rhythm, somewhat reminiscent of a beating heart.

The second half of the concert opened with "Raymonda," a restaging of a selection from the classical ballet by Edward Augustyn, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance. When the curtain opened



Ballet dancers in one of the two ballet pieces float across the stage in white tutus and pointe shoes.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

on the stage, the dancers posed gracefully in their white tutus and immediately caught the attention of the audience.

The piece was elegantly and gracefully danced by the company. Shannen Curran '09, Meghan Meehan '09, Cara Moskal '08, Erin Goldrick '08, Kristina Quiroigico '08, Jillian Hodge '07 and Stephanie Land '06 all performed precisely executed solos. The corps of dancers in the piece danced well. They set an excellent backdrop of graceful movement and really nailed the group portions of the piece.

Following "Raymonda" was the modern piece "looking for crystal" by Tiffany Mills, part-time Lecturer of Theatre and Dance. The mysterious, ominous mood was set by the music, lighting and fog, but was really brought home by the amazing dancers. The dancers moved as if they were some otherworldly creatures on a fantastical journey across the stage. Especially successful in "looking for crystal" were the sections of the dance that included dancers lifting each other.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU DID NOT SPEAK FOR THREE WEEKS, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD SAY?



"What?"

- Matt Hopkins '06



"I'm baaack!"

- Stacey Blue,
Assistant Field
Hockey Coach

"Where are my pants?"

- Max Lux '07



"How did I just do that?"

- Kerri Hoppe '08



"It would probably be a poop joke."

- Kyle Hamilton '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Fantastapotamus' easy style stands the test of time

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

The College has seen many bands come together and fade just as easily. Once in a while there are a few bands that are able to withstand the years and the inevitability of graduation and stay together. Fantastapotamus is one of those bands.

One of the most interesting aspects of this band is their group dynamic. Unlike many bands, Fantastapotamus was able to keep the fluidity and relaxed atmosphere that started the band. Jon Eddy '06, the lead vocalist, and Dan Engleberg '04, who played guitar, started things by just getting together and playing. Soon their sessions expanded to involve Brian 'Tiki' Richardson '05, who fills in on percussion, guitar and some vocals. When Engleberg graduated, Caffery Garff '06, who plays guitar and does some vocals, joined Eddy and Richardson. Finally Michael 'Bogie' Bogart '07, joined them, adding in some amazing

vocal harmony. People moving in and out of the band have made the band's sound change from "two people playing loosely in the dark to more of a concrete sound," said Garff.



Michael 'Bogie' Bogart '07, Caffery Garff '06, Jon Eddy '06 and Brian 'Tiki' Richardson '05 are now the core members of the band Fantastapotamus.

PHOTO BY ERIN MCGROARTY

This is not to say that their relaxed attitude and changing membership means that they haven't put a lot of work into making Fantastapotamus a success.

According to both Garff and Eddy, Fantastapotamus has never been about planning, but they have put a lot of work into writing and recording their own songs.

They have now recorded two CDs, *Epic Opi* (2004) and *Clockwatcher's Daydream* (2005.) Each costs \$5 and you can get a taste for them before buying by listening at garageband.com. The time and effort put into making these CDs says a lot for the band's passion for creating music they love.

On these CDs they also have special guest artists, like Dave Cecconi '07, who help with writing and playing some of the songs. Each member and guest artist is appreciated for what he or she brings to the group. Their appreciation for each other seems to be more heightened than in other bands

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Brew up some fun and food at Bethlehem Brew Works

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If you are looking to get out of Allentown, (and let's be honest, who isn't?) then you need to head over to Bethlehem. Specifically, go and check out a restaurant called Bethlehem Brew Works. It's a great place to go to with a bunch of friends, a date or even with your parents. If you are looking for quiet dining this might not be the place, but the food and atmosphere are worth the trip if you're looking for a little fun.

The restaurant is packed on the weekends, but they do have call-ahead seating and reservations for parties of eight or more. The restaurant is quite spacious, with several different rooms open for eating and beer tasting. When you first walk in, you can see immense vats of home-made beers that are concocted on the premises.

Each season they brew specific beers and people love their variety of seasonal choices. They also allow you to sample their home brews, so before ordering a whole one you can

see which one you like. It is a perfect place for beer connoisseurs to be able to go repeatedly to try and taste them all. For those who appreciate a good beer but aren't quite a connoisseur, their menu explains all the brewing terms and how each one was specifically made so you can decide on the one that appeals to you.

The menu has typical bar style items such as hamburgers and wraps, but also has Brew Works specialties. The amazing beer, and cheese soup is made with the restaurant's own Valley Golden Ale. Other appetizer specialties include loaded nachos, "brewschetta," a hummus assortment and Brew City onion rings. They also offer a great burger menu and are known for their half-pound burgers and turkey burgers loaded with condiments. If you're in the mood for a sandwich, they have some great ones to choose from. Their barbeque pulled pork sandwich and crab cake sandwich are some of the favorites.

The menu shows the restaurant's variety, having meals ranging from homemade meatloaf to seafood and

pasta. If you don't want a burger or a meal then it's always fun to order a bunch of different appetizers for the table to share. That way you can try a bunch of different items from the menu, tasting a little bit of everything. You will always find something you like on this menu and it's great for any picky eater.

The prices aren't bad, with appetizers ranging from \$6.00 to \$9.50 and burgers and sandwiches ranging from \$7.00 to \$9.00. Considering the large portion size, the prices are reasonable. I promise, once you go, you will want to go back. Since it's on Main Street in Bethlehem it's a fun place to walk around before or after you eat. There are many small shops in the area and the restaurant is connected to a mall. Parking can be a little tricky, so if you can't find any metered parallel parking then you can go to the parking garage which costs a couple bucks.

If you're looking to get out of the College bubble and explore the surrounding area, head over to Bethlehem Brew Works. It will be well worth the short fifteen minute drive.

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Curious George

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:00

Pink Panther

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Curious George

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sun. 2:45, 4:45, 7:00

Final Destination 3

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Nanny McPhee

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 2:20, 5:00, 7:30

When a Stranger Calls

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
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Sun. 1:00, 4:50, 7:50

Firewall

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Date Movie

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
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Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Eight Below

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:10

Patience: Cupid's arrow did not miss its mark

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

I'm writing this article on the Monday before Valentine's Day. This is the first year since seventh grade that I have not had a boyfriend or significant other on Valentine's Day (I'm not exaggerating.) For many years I feared what would happen if I ever had to endure February 14 with no boyfriend. Maybe I would spend the whole day crying or be humiliated at a Valentine's Day event with no date. Well, right now it is 4:38 p.m. and I do not fear tomorrow. It's really just another day on the calendar. Though this is something I've just realized for Valentine's Day I feel like it's something I can apply to daily life. It is okay to be on your own.

For people who are in significant (or not so significant) relationships, enjoy and celebrate your relationship on Valentine's Day. For the rest of us, I see this as a day to reflect and look towards the future.

As many of you know, my last

few columns have been rather aggravated and harsh. Sometimes you just go on too many bad dates and have too many bad experiences and you can't help but become a little bitter. And with an outlet like this column, where a large number of people will read my thoughts and feelings, what better way to take out my rage than write about my problems? I was pretty much one bad hook-up away from becoming cynical.

As I was walking down Academic Row this morning, I did not feel this anger and rage anymore. I felt light, high-spirited and hopeful. I thought about where I was last year on Valentine's Day and how my life has changed since then. People I have met, men I have dated, friends I have gained and lost. And I realize, I am in several relationships right now and am in no way lonely.

I can and do spend my time with my sorority sisters and my friends. Being single has made me realize

how important they are in my life and to me. Not to mention now I've had a chance to spend some time with myself, something that a lot of people find hard to do. It is important to learn not only to appreciate yourself but also how to make yourself happy so you don't wait around, miserably, for someone else to do it for you. Not being in a relationship gives me time to acknowledge how much I love others as well as myself. Valentine's

Day made me realize that it isn't about loving one person, it's about recognizing the love you have for all the people in your life, romantically or platonically.

There is nothing to be scared of about spending a Valentine's Day, or any day, alone. One should learn to be happy alone before trying to be happy with someone else. Besides, when you really think of it, there is always someone to reach out to. Tell your best friend that you love them on Valentine's Day. Appreciate a good friend who has helped you this past

year. Tell someone, whether it's a friend or a family member that you love them. Remember those near acquaintances who may not get any romantic gifts and make their day with a sweet smile. Also, if you forgot a gift for your special guy this past Valentine's Day try to get one next year. He deserves something to make him feel special. Valentine's Day is not just for the girls, and women should know how to treat a man too.

I'm not afraid of being alone on Valentine's Day or any day anymore. I am happy for my friends and for the rest of the 'Berg who celebrated this day with someone else, but I no longer feel like I need a man on this day. Sure, it would be nice, but I am comfortable with my relationship status right now: single, loving myself and my friends.

There is no deadline for love. It's not like I am a failure for not having a special someone on Valentine's Day, or on any day. Whoever he may be, our special day just hasn't come up yet, but I know it will. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

LOVE
&
LIFE

The Girls Next Door sing songs of love at Valentine's Day Concert

By Kristina Lucarelli
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Clearly, my favorite a cappella group on campus is the Girls Next Door (GND). Just because I'm roommates with one of them and sisters with three of them, don't think I'm biased. They're actually really good! So, when I saw one of the beautiful signs advertising the GND's Valentine's Cabaret on Feb. 10, I cancelled all my plans for Friday night. Okay, so it's not that difficult to reschedule eating chocolate and watching the Disney Channel.

Luckily, I got there early and I secured myself one of those great comfy couches, because The Red Door filled up fast. The girls watched excitedly from the front of the stage as the room filled with friends and fans.

After the girls were all warmed up and ready to sing, the crowd fell silent as they opened the concert with an a cappella rendition of "Here, There, and Everywhere" by The Beatles. The rest of the concert consisted of each girl singing their own choice of love song. At first I was sad, because I thought I was only getting one a cappella song. But as soon as Janelle Garipoli '08 started with "There You Are" by Martina McBride, I knew I wouldn't be disappointed anymore.

Ally Wente '09 accompanied all of the girls on the piano, except for the few that used alternative accompaniment. Laura Clinton '08 said of the unique concert, "It was really great to see the girls singing by themselves, because they got to showcase their individual talents." For instance, Gina Forchelli '06 accompanied herself on the piano, and her rendition of Des'ree's "Kissing You" was just as beautiful as the original.

There was one song which I was particularly fond of, because it brought me right back to being a kid. What girl didn't have a crush on Aladdin? Heather Glotzer '06 and Ben Heard '06 covered the Disney classic "A Whole New World." Move over, Jasmine—I think you have some competition.

Normally I hate this song, because I associate it with those who butcher it in karaoke bars (I know you know what I mean), but Glotzer has such a beautiful voice and sang the song with such grace, she made it very hard for me to hate. Heard's soft guitar and voice complimented her very well.

On a different note, one of my favorite things about the concert was that it was so personable. The great thing about The Red Door's atmosphere is that the performers are always close, and the lounge-like setting makes it easy to interact



The Girls Next Door take a breather after their well-received concert.

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with the audience. But it was Beth Schnapp '08, who hosted much of the concert and had no problem laughing and joking with the audience between songs, that brought everyone together. She asked for everyone to sit up on the stage to make it even more intimate. She also said, "It's a lot different performing solo than with the rest of the group. I liked it, but performing 'Here, There and Everywhere' with all the girls was still the best part!" During her solo, "A Case of You" by Joni Mitchell, Schnapp made

comments on how she thought her performance was going between singing lines. She was the comic relief of the evening.

The girls ended with James Taylor's "Close Your Eyes." I'm glad they brought the show back to their a cappella roots to end the concert. All in all, I think this quote from Carli Segal '08 sums up the quaint, lovely performance. "They're amazing at singing a cappella, but it was really nice to hear their voices with instruments for a change." I couldn't agree more.

horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

So Valentine's Day has come and gone and you're left up to the ideal. Yep, you've been so much you had nothing planned. So now is the time to make up for it and do something sweet for all of those people who got you a card or did something nice for you on that special day. Really make an extra effort with that special someone... they were expecting something more than what you gave.

Taurus

Your game has really been on this past week. Yep, you're the study bull and you plan to put all that hot body studliness to work for you! You go get 'em! The heavens will be working with you so get on the ball. Take some more midnight strolls and go to a few more dinners with that special someone and it just might pay off this time. Whether or not it's true love, this time you're definitely in for a good time.

Gemini

Gemini, you're known for your communication skills. After all, you have a split personality, double trouble thing going on. Use it to your advantage. Put out those networking tendrils and see what you can reel in. Letters, notes, little phone calls or IMs all will be good ways to get yourself out there. After all, who knows what you might get back in return. You may even reel in that special one you've been looking for.

Cancer

Ahh, you lucky crab, you. You've got your claws in more than one person right now and now's a perfect time to enjoy that—it's college! So get to know as many people as you can and find out what really works for you. Remember to get all the power naps you can because you're going to be on the receiving end of a lot of special attention this weekend. Enjoy it while it lasts, good things always end too soon.

Leo

It's been a tough week, you know that, I know that, practically everyone you have snapped at this week knows it. Everyone deserves an off week to be as mean as they want to. Just make sure you go back and tell those people you scathed that you were having the most terrible week of your life. It feels crappy to be verbally spat on—you may find this out the hard way next week.

Virgo

"Baby, it's cold outside." Frank Loesser's timeless winter song seems to have dictated the weather of our current snowy situation. This campus revolves around looking good, but let this be the time to throw fashion to the gusty winds. Bundle up, little Eskimo. It's cold outside and there's sickness going around. If you don't button that jacket, you'll be next.

Libra

Everyone looks to the free stylin' way of the weekends where you can throw away your cares and boogie till dawn, but be careful this weekend. Black ice and black cats signal some unlucky events that may befall you if you happen to be too care-free this weekend. So, please be cautious, watch your step and your cup and remember to look at those who have your back.

Scorpio

It's been a long time coming. You've known for days that it was coming and yet, you ignored the tell-tale signs. Now you have to face the consequences of your negligence. You've got a zit. You might not be able to discern the mammoth proportions of it yet, but time will fix that. Don't plan any hot dates or close up pictures. You may even want to hide out in your room for a few days, until you can face the world again.

Sagittarius

Your head, body and roommate are all telling you to sleep, so why don't you? These late nights of surfing the Internet and downloading iTunes is going to take its toll on your health, and it's only a matter of time before it happens. I predict that your homework is going to suffer and you won't attend class. I know. You can shut off that screen and turn off your mind and go to bed. You won't regret it, I promise.

Capricorn

Have you looked around campus recently? I know you haven't, but if you did you would see the beautiful snow covering the ground, just waiting to be plopped in. Your shoes are on your shelf and your hair is in the back of your closet under your flip flops. Put those winter essentials on and organize a hall snow ball fight. I know you'll feel better once you get a little active during the winter doldrums.

Aquarius

The flashy lights of the stage are calling you this week. You want to perform and have an audience give a standing ovation. But, it takes hard work to get to that point of acting perfection. Try signing up for an acting class next semester and in the meantime, grab some plays from the library and read through them in your spare time. I'm sure your roommate would be happy to help you.

Pisces

Only about two more weeks left until Spring Break and I know that you are starting to miss your home point. Stay strong and enjoy the sunny beaches and warm weather. Soon you'll be back in the sun with a deliciously spicy margarita and suntan oil on your skin or a little mama bringing you a cocktail with little umbrella.

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because of the way the members move in and out of the band at will. "Tiki's energy on stage can make or break a performance," Garff commented. He also noted that "Bogie's musical intuition is incredible." Cecconi's "early 90s rock-based sound" is appreciated and commented on by Eddy.

With some of the band members graduating this year, the guys are not sure where Fantastapotamus will go from here. They commented that "we're going to see where things

take us; it being unknown sort of fits the spontaneity of the band." That comfortable, easy-going feeling that comes from every member of the band is what makes their sound and hopefully will be what carries them on in the future.

Every time these guys get together to play they let the audience get a taste of the indescribable bond between them. Listening to them playing with and off of each other in order to create some amazing music is an incredible experience you cannot miss. Check out Fantastapotamus.



The members of Fantastapotamus jam it up during one of their performances.

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The concert, though mostly sophisticated and at times ominous, ended on an upbeat note with the jazz piece "Quotes and Other Things" with original choreography by Dearborn and restaged choreography by Robert Torres. The piece brought the concert to a fun, dynamic ending, featuring a big group

onstage performing an energetic number.

The show was very successful and probably one of the most diverse concerts put on by the Muhlenberg Dance Association with its array of dance styles. It's a safe bet to say that the audience was more than just entertained by the many talents of the Muhlenberg dancers and faculty members.

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Mule Profile: Matt Loesch

A picture of strength on and off the mat

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A 25-5 record, three tournament titles and a berth to the NCAA Championships: Junior Matt Loesch, now a co-Captain, started out his freshman season with a bang. He had no trouble adjusting to the collegiate level of competition and was ranked eighth in the nation in the 197 lbs. weight class by the Brute-Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association preseason poll his sophomore year. Now wrestling in his third season, Loesch has cemented his role as one of the top wrestlers in the Centennial Conference and Division III.

A native of Carsonville, Pa., Loesch has wrestled since he was four. In high school, he was captain of the football, track and the wrestling squad. During his high school career, he compiled 106 wins.

Loesch holds the Pennsylvania state record for the fastest pin at four seconds. He clocked this time twice, but only once officially. He made it to the state championship all four years of high school where he faced competition comparable to what he now faces at the College: "I did well in the rounds of state championships. Most of the guys I lost to now rank in the top few in the nation."

This extensive experience coming into the College led Loesch to be named Rookie of the Year for 2004. He came close to breaking the College's freshman win record, but was sick over Winter Break and was sidelined for three weeks. He rebounded by winning the Centennial Conference Championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament in Dubuque, Iowa. There, he defeated the wrestler ranked fourth in the coun-

try and had a strong showing, ending the season with 25 wins. Loesch also came up only one win short of an All-American title.

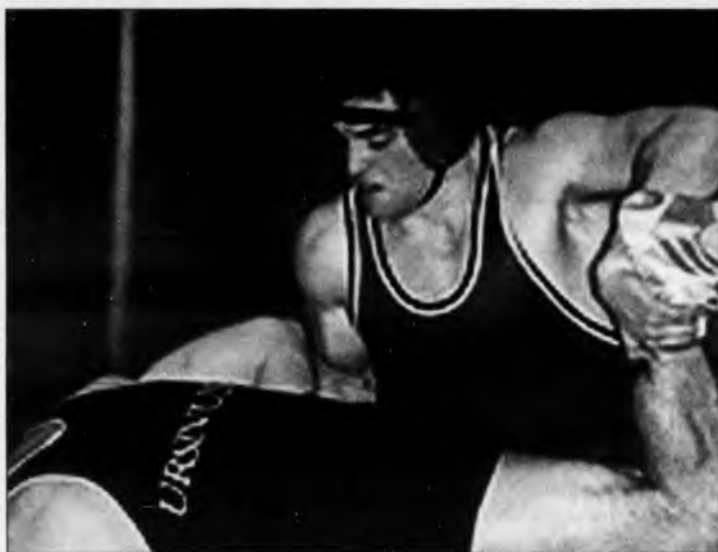
Such early exposure to NCAA level competition has been invaluable to him: "The level of the guys in the Conference and the guys we wrestle normally is a lot different than the level of the

Championships. He finished fourth, the College's best finish ever at nationals, and became the first Mule wrestler to win his opening bout at the NCAA Championships. This performance was more than enough to raise Loesch to All-American status; he is only the third wrestler in College history to receive this honor.

Junior year has treated Loesch well thus far. Ranked seventh in DIII at 197 lbs., he describes the team's season (6-3, 4-1) positively: "We are doing great in the Centennial Conference, and we have a real chance of being Centennial Conference champions. The base of our team is really in the freshman and sophomore classes, but we have great leadership and ability in the few juniors and seniors we do have."

Just as he excels on the mat, Loesch is also a standout at the College. A Psychology and Business double major, he plans on going to graduate school for Industrial/Organizational Psychology, possibly leading to a career in the FBI. Loesch plays football, tutors other students and is active in the church choir, Student Council and Class Council. Last year he was Class President and this year he is a Class Representative.

As far as wrestling, while he does hope to coach at the graduate or high school levels--he realizes that there is in fact more to life than simply his sport: "My dad was captain of the Bucknell wrestling team in college while simultaneously majoring in engineering. He truly understands when I say it [school and sports] gets to be a little much to be successful in everything that I partake in. Time management can be a challenge in college when an individual has many activities to balance. There are a lot of people here that can relate to that."



Junior Matt Loesch muscles his opponent to the ground in an attempt to add to his 25 wins.

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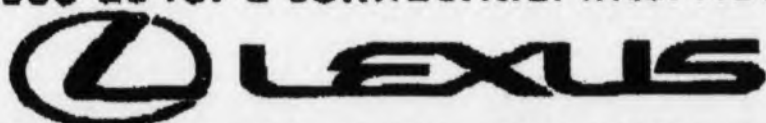
top five wrestlers in the country. Learning to compete at their level--there are a few technical differences--but mostly you quickly learn that the attitude here is definitely different than their mentality there."

As a sophomore, Loesch won the 197 lbs. weight class at the Centennial Conference Championships.

The highlight of his season was advancing to the consolation finals of the NCAA Division III

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Final shot goes in Mules favor

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last week a buzzer-beating tip-in made the Mules lose to Franklin and Marshall College. However, on Feb. 6, the Mules defeated DeSales University, 70-72.

Games with local rivals tend to provide scratch-and-claw contests that give the crowd a night full of excitement. When the DeSales University Bulldogs came to Memorial Hall, excitement was an understatement.

The entire game consisted of runs for both teams. The Mules made their biggest run with 13 minutes remaining. Senior Jimmy O'Brien hit a three-pointer. This directly followed a pass interception made by Freshman Chris MacIntosh which Junior Jeff Stewart converted for a lay-up as he was fouled. Stewart made the foul shot, which put the Mules ahead ten points, their largest lead of the game.

The Bulldogs refused to roll over and give up. Over the next eight minutes, DeSales went on a 24-7 run to regain the lead. With five minutes remaining the score was 66-59. Junior Tom Scott hit a three-pointer and, after a DeSales jumpshot, his teammate Junior Chris Huber also converted on a three-pointer to put the Mules within three points of the Bulldogs. With 3:30 remaining in regulation, the Bulldogs hit another jumper, but that was their last score of the night.

On the College's next possession, Stewart was fouled and hit both

opportunities of a one-and-one opportunity. With two minutes remaining, Stewart grabbed an offensive rebound off a DeSales blocked shot and made a layup while being fouled. He completed the three-point play to tie the game at 70 points.

On the Bulldogs' next possession, they missed the front end of a one-and-one, which is when the Mules called a timeout.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming out of the time-out, Scott threw an inbounds pass from the side-line to Stewart, who converted a jumper.

Back-to-back foul calls on Stewart fouled him out in the last minute of the game. The Bulldogs had a chance to tie it up with foul shots, but they missed them both. When the Mules regained possession, the Bulldogs fouled instantly. The Mules missed the front end of a one-and-one, giving DeSales one last chance. The Bulldogs missed a lay-up, but had a chance to tip it in. This time, the tip-in missed as the buzzer sounded the end of the game. The Mules won, 72-70.

Stewart ended the game with 31 points, 12 rebounds and five assists. Stewart has three career 30-plus point games, two of them against DeSales.

"Before the DeSales game we had a team meeting to outline our goals for the remainder of the season," said O'Brien. "We wanted to be in the position to win a close game. I knew that would give our team confidence going into the final stretch of the season. We worked well



The Mules sink another three-pointer shot to lead them to a close victory against Swarthmore.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

together and did what we had to do to win the game."

On Wednesday night, the Mules traveled to Swarthmore College in hopes of gaining their first road win against the Garnets. The Mules had a promising start which came to fruition as the game progressed.

The Mules set a College record with 14 three-pointers and 61.8 percent behind the three-point line in the first half. They made seven of their first eight baskets, jumpstarting a 16-2 lead. With ten minutes to go in the first half, the Mules had a 30-11 lead over the Garnets.

Scott not only recorded his first career double-double, but he did it all in the first half (15 points, ten rebounds). Scott finished the game with a season-high 23 points and a

career-high 11 rebounds. Stewart scored all 14 of his points in the first half and also came down with nine rebounds, just missing a double-double.

"This game was a battle between us and one of the top Centennial Conference teams, so the fact that we were able to pull off a win this time around is a testament to how hard we have been working and the heart that we have on our team. This was a huge win," said Junior Brandon Mefford.

Fourteen of the Mules' 16 players scored baskets and the 95-point performance by the Mules was the most scored in a regulation road win in 15 years. The 95-43 win was the Mules first Centennial Conference road win of the season.



Senior Stephanie Coluccini drives past her defender to the hoop.

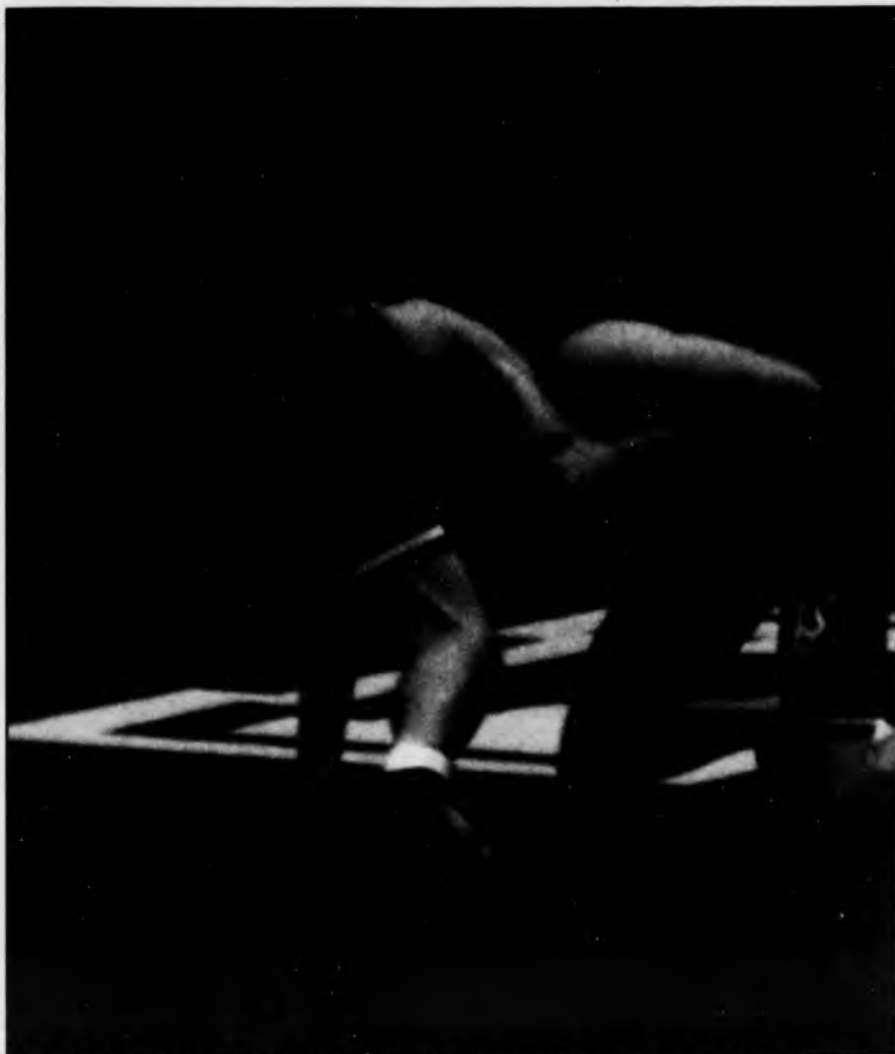
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Mules posted their 20th win of the season. This is the second time in the program that a 20-win season happened, and it took less games to achieve this than the first time it occurred. Furthermore, hosting the Centennial Conference tournament became a possibility for the Mules last Saturday when Johns Hopkins University, who at that time had one loss in the Conference while the Mules had two, lost to Ursinus College by one point. To begin this week, the Top-25 poll on d3hoops.com has the College in seventeenth place.

The Mules go into this week with an away game against Dickinson College on Tuesday. McDaniel College visits Memorial Hall today at 7:00 p.m. and Ursinus College plays them on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Though the College defeated each team in their first match-ups, the College did not face the rough gymnasium atmosphere at Dickinson, won by only one point against McDaniel and won in overtime against Ursinus. If the College wins all three games, they will finish, at worst, tied for first place. In the event of a tie with Johns Hopkins, the Mules will host the Centennial Conference tournament.

"It'd be really great if we host the tournament," said Sophomore Michelle Feldman. "I would be especially happy for our seniors since it's their last year."

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A wrestler enters a headlock despite the Mules' loss this past Saturday.

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WRESTLING

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sions that day. The College conquered the Generals 27-9. McDaniel (12-7, 5-2) proved to be tough competition for the College's second match of the day. Five wrestlers went 2-0 at the tri-meet: Hall, Kein, Decampo, Mills and Loesch. Kein has won eight of his last nine matches.

DeCampo recorded four take-downs in each of his matches. Mills now leads the team with 11 dual-meet victories, and, with 49 take-downs, he is now fifth at the College on the All-Time Dual-Meet Victories list.

McDaniel then captured three bouts in a row. With two Mules defeated by tech falls to nationally-ranked wrestlers, the College lost their lead.

With the College's Centennial Conference record at 5-2, Mills said, "This season lived up to my expectations. We ended up 8-4 [overall], which is better than we've done in my four years. Everybody worked together in the big matches and I'm very proud."

The team is now getting ready for the CC Championships next Saturday at Johns Hopkins University. Mills said, "We have a legitimate chance to send at least a few people to Nationals with the good preparation we have had. It

seems that everyone's healthy and peaking at the right time."

Kein said, "The team, I thought, had a really solid season. Although we fell short of some goals, we came away with some important wins. Personally I'm looking forward to the Conference tournament. I want to make Nationals."

With the end of the regular season, the team also prepares to say good-bye to two influenza seniors: Gibson and Mills. As a freshman, Hall found the captains a great asset. "[Gibson and Mills] set the tone in practice and always kept us in the right frame of mind before and after a match. They give an upbeat attitude towards wrestling. Both of them are great role models in and out of the wrestling room."

Sophomore David Lavin agrees. "Although wrestling is looked at as an individual sport, a lot of peoples' personal success is a result of working well together in practice, but also having good team unity outside of practice. [Gibson and Mills] really did a good job of making everyone feel like they were part of the team while also leading by example with their work ethic in the wrestling room."

"If it hadn't been for our senior captain's motivation and leadership I don't think I or the team would have had the year we did, their presence will be missed," said Kein.

Runners don't buck at Bucknell

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

This past Saturday at the Bucknell Winter Classic, the Mules continued their streak of College record-breaking performances with Senior Karen Mount leading the team.

In a meet that included Division I squads, Mount captured first place in the 800-meter race and broke the College record with a time of 2:15.84.

Mount's time also provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships. Mount ran in the 4x400 meter relay race with Freshman Amanda Martini, Sophomore Jenna Lombardi and Senior Danielle Seiler. The relay team broke the College record set last weekend, by two one-hundredths of a second. Their time was 4:09.05.

Seiler had a strong performance in the 200-meter

race. She missed breaking the College record by one one-hundredths of a second.

For the men, Juniors Lex Mercado and Steve Rothwell ran a close race and finished second and third in the mile.

Both Mercado and Rothwell qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships (ECAC) with a time of 4:19.63 and 4:20.12, respectively.

Rothwell has great expectations for the remainder of the season. "Although the mile had a fast start, Lex and I both ran a personal record for the race, and I know we can continue to improve throughout the season. We ultimately hope to make it to Nationals," said Rothwell.

The Mules' next meet is the Centennial Conference Championships at Johns Hopkins University on Sat, Feb. 25.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD



Senior Karen Mount hands off the baton to the anchor, Senior Danielle Seiler, during the College record-breaking 4x400 meter relay race.

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Mules post 20th win

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a series of game time changes due to the inclement weather, the Mules did what they have done for most of this season: dominated the game on the floor. The Mules faced Bryn Mawr College on Tuesday and Mount Saint Vincent College on Thursday. After the second game, the Mules posted two more wins.

In the 58-50 win against Bryn Mawr, Senior Kristen Piscadlo scored ten points and recorded eight assists, breaking her own College single-season assists record of 117 by finishing the game with 125 for the season. Junior Meghan Courtney also scored a game-high 19 points, shooting 7-9 from the field and making four freethrows. Freshman Lauren Boyle contributed ten points.

On Thursday, the Mules travelled into New York City to face the Mount Saint Vincent Dolphins. After 15 minutes of close play, the Dolphins came to within six points of the Mules before the Mules went

on a 10-0 run to extend their lead to 16 points before halftime.

Senior Tiffany Kirk's two three-pointers accounted for six of those ten points. Boyle, who assisted Kirk in that run, contributed two baskets, one steal, one block and another assist to begin the Mules' scoring run.

Courtney finished with a team-high 12 points while Kirk added 11 points. Piscadlo added ten more assists to her career total, which is only 12 assists from breaking the College record. Her ten assists this game were accompanied by only one turnover.

By the end of last week, the Mules had some things to celebrate. With the win against Bryn Mawr, the Mules secured a Centennial Conference playoff berth. Three days later, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rankings were released and the College occupied the number three slot behind Scranton University and Messiah College. After the Mules' win against Mount Saint Vincent the next day, the

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Senior Valerie Robuck releases the ball toward the basket to score, which led the Mules to victory.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McDaniel takes down the Mules

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the College's wrestling team faced three matches in two days and came out with two wins and a loss. After defeating Messiah College and Washington and Lee College, the College fell to the McDaniel College Green Terror.

Friday night the Mules faced Messiah on the road and beat them for the first time in 21 years. The Mules won the first five bouts, establishing an early lead. Junior Michael Tenenhaus (125 lbs.) and Freshman Rob Kein (141 lbs.) each

defeated their opponent with a pin. This was Tenenhaus' first career pin at 125 lbs, which is also the first time he wrestled in this weight class. At 133 lbs., Freshman Billy Hall shut out his opponent with a decision of 6-0.

Sophomore Joe Decampo defeated the same opponent for the second time this season; he took this bout 12-7. Senior Dale Mills defeated his opponent 17-8 and leads the team in major decisions. Sophomore Matt Horn won at 184 lbs. by injury default and heavy-weight Sophomore Chris Swenson also claimed a victory, 3-2. Overall, the

College overpowered Messiah 31-11.

In a home tri-meet this past Saturday, the College came out on top of Washington and Lee, 27-9, but fell to McDaniel, 23-17.

The College dominated the first six bouts against Washington & Lee. Tenenhaus shut out his opponent 4-0. Mills pinned his opponent in 1:22 minutes.

Both Hall and Kein took major decisions to increase the lead on the scoreboard. Gibson won by decision and Junior Matt Loesch took out his opponent with his first of two major deci-

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The Mules' wrestler struggles to take down his opponent in the bout with Washington & Lee and McDaniel Colleges this weekend.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

Student Body President candidates debate

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

A week prior to the elections for Student Body President, the two candidates, Ryan Campbell '08 and Kim Nguyen '07, joined together for a debate in the Garden Room. Current Student Body President Jared Body '06 officiated. Campbell and Nguyen presented their two-minute opening statements, answered a series of four questions asked by Fine, then answered questions from the audience and finally ended with two-minute closing statements.

Campbell has not previously served on Student Council but is the President of Cardinal Key Society, is a tour guide, a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and a member of other student organizations includ-

ing the Progressive Student Organization. Nguyen has been on Student Council for three years, serving as the Treasurer for two years. Nguyen also participates in EnAct, the Student Dining Services Committee and she served on the Search Committee for the new Dean of Students.

At the debate, one of the issues addressed was the fact that the Student Body President must run Student Council meetings. Candidates were asked how they would run the meetings and more

importantly, how they would encourage more students to attend such meet-

ings. Campbell and Nguyen students feel comfortable and not be intimidated at the meetings.



Kim Nguyen '07 and Ryan Campbell '08 debated on topics pertinent to the Student Body.

PHOTO BY KRISTEN ZIEGLER

Campbell said that although he believes in structure and organization while holding meetings, "informality can make things more comfortable." He also explained that since he is very "personable," those who come out to meetings will feel wel-

comed. Nguyen echoed Campbell's statement about having meetings centered

around structure. She said her "approachable" demeanor will encourage more people to feel comfortable coming to Student Council meetings. She also pointed out that "Student Council members should speak in language that is familiar to everyone," not just to those on Council.

Fine also asked each candidate what they believe their greatest weakness is, in terms of how it would relate to their leadership skills. Campbell responded that he tends to "overanalyze things" but he tries to surround himself with headstrong people to offset that. Nguyen said she "cares too much" about issues and is "so passionate" about everything that she tends to "take things personally."

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Ehrenberg honored by Student Body

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Standing front and center at his brief surprise dedication ceremony during half-time of the womens' basketball game on Thursday evening, it was clear to everyone sitting in the crowd that Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, was proud to be a member of the close-knit community at the College. Beaming as he made his way down the steps of the bleachers to the site of the dedication, he stood in the middle of the gymnasium in Memorial Hall, wearing a bright red sweater with the letter M emblazoned on his chest, listening intently as several students honored him with a personal plaque and a flagpole for future display on the soccer lawn.

Presented to him on

behalf of the entire Student Body, the plaque and the flagpole will serve as a constant reminder of Ehrenberg's enduring contributions to the College as he bids farewell to everyone at the College and settles into retirement.

Known throughout campus as "Dean Rudy," Ehrenberg has become a friendly fixture around the campus, widely celebrated for his support, leadership and compassion. Since arriving at the College in 1994, Ehrenberg has been deeply involved with many of the organizations essential for student life at the College.

Much of his work was done behind the scenes, yet at the same time he is known as a great people-person and supporter of everything student-related. Kim Nguyen '07, Treasurer of

Student Council, says "although he has held this prominent position, he has always been a warm, approachable person who has been out and about on campus, supporting the wide array of student events from theater productions to sporting events to student training sessions."

A strong advocate of team effort, he believes that education is a gift, and that although what you know is important, what you care about is even more significant. "His first priority is and has always [been] the students," said Nguyen, adding, "He has been there to cook with Student Council in the Garden Room, to take students with bad housing lottery numbers out to dinner and to listen when all you need is a wise ear. He has been an amazing

Dean of Students and it will certainly not be the same without him."

Ehrenberg says that throughout his career the College in turn has been a

"rock" for him, and the most enjoyable part of his experience at the College

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Jared Fine '06 presents Dean Rudy Ehrenberg with his plaque.

PHOTO BY CAITLIN BANDFIELD

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Kim Nguyen '07 will move the College closer to being a Caring Community

At the College, the end of February means many things: studying for midterms has taken over our nights, Spring Break is right around the corner and it is time to elect a new Student Body President who will lead the College in the upcoming academic year. The Editorial Board of *The Weekly*, while recognizing the strengths and leadership skills of both candidates, endorses Kim Nguyen '07 to be Student Body President.

Nguyen, who was a member of Student Council in her first-year and has served as Treasurer for two years, has the experience necessary to fill this position. She has proven herself to be a dedicated, enthusiastic member of both Student Council and of this College and this, coupled with her approachability and caring nature, makes the Editorial Board confident that she would inject a much-needed dose of both passion and compassion into the College as Student Body President.

Nguyen has organized monthly Student Leadership Meetings, where leaders of different organizations on campus gather to talk about issues their club or society is facing and things that they hope to accomplish. These meetings have helped to generate a campus community spirit and have promoted communication among students. Nguyen's deliberate attempt to increase dialogue on campus is something that we value; with Nguyen as Student Body President, we feel that the communication will only increase, thereby strengthening our campus community.

The other candidate, Ryan Campbell '08, is also a campus leader, serving as President of Cardinal Key Society and as a Student Advisor. However, Campbell's lack of service on Student Council is something to worry about; though we realize the benefit of an outside perspective, we believe that some experience would prove enormously helpful in representing and voicing the opinions of students.

Looking back at our first editorial, "Making changes for the better," in our Sept. 8 issue, we wrote that we wished for the creation of "an understanding, close-knit and cooperative Student Body." With Nguyen as Student Body President, we feel confident that the College will move closer to this ideal that we proposed five months ago.

Letters to the Editor:

To The Editor:

John Dunphy's guest editorial "Colleges can't play fair," featured in the Feb. 16 issue, touches on a number of important issues that surround the question of diversity at Muhlenberg and at other small, private, high cost liberal arts colleges across America. He is quite right in noting that the gap between "haves" and "have-nots" is growing wider with each passing year. He is also right in noting the relative lack of ethnic diversity at Muhlenberg (although his numbers are off quite a bit when he claims that we enroll only "five to ten" African-American students per semester; the real figure was 34 African-American students when the College opened this fall, and 151 total multicultural students). What's more, although it may not have happened while Dunphy was here, there have been increases in multicultural representation at Muhlenberg over time. For example, when I came back to

College has made strides towards diversity

work at the College in 1987, multicultural students totaled only 52 in the entire Student Body. Today that number is 151—not where we want to be, but far beyond where we were not too long ago.

Where Dunphy strays into deeper, more troubling waters, however, is in his stereotyping of multicultural students as coming from the inner city, with "old textbooks and little to no idea how to use the Internet." Certainly Jonathan Kozol has described the inadequacies of many inner city public schools in detail in his educational writings. However, to stereotype so broadly does a disservice to the multicultural students who are enrolled at Muhlenberg and illustrates how far we still have to go in discussing issues of race and class in ways that get beyond stereotypes.

It might surprise Dunphy to know that many of our multicultural students come from some of the finest prep schools in the country. All of them are fully qualified to be at Muhlenberg (we do not use quotas or "set-asides" in admitting multicultural students). Some of them are finding out about Muhlenberg through prestigious talent identification programs that seek out and encourage highly talented multicultural students (programs such as Prep for Prep, Aspira, TEAK, Philly Futures and more). And, on the other side of the coin, not all white students at Muhlenberg come from affluent families nor do they come from affluent high schools nor are they all academic superstars. The point is not to cast discussions of diversity into "us" and "them" categories, but to try to view the issue as "we," in this together.

The issue of race and class in America and on college campuses is SEE **MULTICULTURAL** | PAGE 3

To the Editor:

I would first like to take this opportunity to compliment John Dunphy on his past two articles; the first, "To prevent mental stagnation, new academic awareness is needed," a criticism of today's educational system and the second, "Colleges can't play fair" dealing with the immense inequality of the education. Kudos to Dunphy for making some excellent points in those articles, including one that I'll extend upon in this article. To quote the not-so-old saying, we as the Student Body at Muhlenberg live in a bubble. I'm not referring to the so-called "Muhlenberg bubble," but instead a bubble of over-idealism. We are convinced that we are where we are in life because we have worked hard all of our lives and that we have applied our minds to all that we have done. It is the idealism of the American dream that we have been fed our entire lives. Well, let me be the first to pull out a symbolic needle and pop that little bubble I referred to before.

There are no easy solutions

In one of Dunphy's aforementioned articles, he mentioned how he was perplexed by some of his classroom experiences. We've all had similar thoughts as him at one point or another: How did some of the students here at Muhlenberg get

into college? How are they able to recite every word from a 50 Cent song yet unable to name the leader of North Korea? Well, I'll tell you why. We are here at Muhlenberg College not necessarily because we are smarter than kids who are poor but because of the socio-economic class we were born into. You'll notice this merely by walking down Academic Row every day. The Student Body is made up mostly of upper-middle class to rich white kids from the East Coast (notably New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut). This school looks more like an Abercrombie and Fitch catalogue than anything else.

These high schools we attended had more and more quality resources than schools in poorer neighborhoods, had teachers who were more qualified and had college counseling offices to help guide us in our college search process. We as Muhlenberg students attended these high schools because of the financial advantages we have from the social class we were born into. Students from the lower class do not have the financial ability that we have, and therefore they attend the high schools in the poorer areas that pale in comparison to ours, so they have far less opportunity of going to college, and so on. Much like we are playing the role we were assigned from birth by the American capitalist system, poor students are playing their role as well, only theirs is the flip-side of ours.

One of the reasons that I am glad that Muhlenberg does not require the submittal of SAT scores is because students who have higher SAT scores have, you guessed it, more money. To be precise, SAT scores are more strongly correlated with income than other factors. I believe that not requiring submittal of SAT scores is a small step in the right direction.

The debate then moves to: How can we possibly fix this problem? If college attendance is due more to social class, how can we possibly mend the inequality between classes? The answer to that is that dirty little word that we as Americans hate more than anything: socialism. We need to eliminate the inequality between the classes for it to be an equal playing field for all and have equal access to educational resources for all. As long as the Grand Canyon-sized gap between the middle/upper classes and the lower class continues to exist, so to will the educational inequalities (to tie this into Dunphy's second article).

I write this article not to infuriate people, but more so to butcher a sacred cow. The ideal of the American dream that we've all grown up believing is a load of you-know-what. The myth of equality amongst all in America is something that we should be taught, not hidden away from. Consider this my little way of sticking it to the man.

--Paul DeMilio '07

Gumbel makes a verbal fumble



Joe Caparoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Upon returning from off-campus, a few people approached me and asked what I thought about the controversial comments Bryant Gumbel had made. Knowing that I am an Op-Ed writer for two campus papers, I assume that people thought I must have had an entire argument ready for discussion. Unfortunately, I had heard nothing about the comments. Despite reading the *Newark Star-Ledger* and *The New York Times* that very day, I had no clue what they were talking about.

Later that night I logged on to *The New York Times'* website and couldn't find anything. I glanced at the Yahoo! Headlines while checking my e-mail and didn't see a thing about Bryant Gumbel. Finally, I simply googled the topic and was able to find a few hits and find out what happened. Although the top link was a distinctly conservative website, Sportingnews.com carried a story that affirmed the comments for me. Here is Gumbel's direct quote when talking about the Winter Olympics: "Count me among those who don't care about them and won't watch them. So try not to laugh when someone says these are the world's greatest athletes, despite a paucity of blacks that makes the Winter Games look like a GOP convention."

Now, I am as liberal as they come. Yet, these comments are so ignorant and stupid that I didn't enjoy this particular joke. The racism in his statement, based on the fact that the Winter Olympics have not historically involved a large percentage of black people, dilutes the ability of those involved. Gumbel discredits the talent of athletes from every country

by stereotyping the entire event as being irrelevant because of the lack of people from his race.

It is an odd statement coming from Gumbel, who Dave Chapelle once made fun of as making "Wayne Brady look like Malcolm X." Gumbel is often criticized by fellow blacks as acting "too white," whatever that means. (That topic is for a different article.) Maybe this was an attempt by Gumbel to try and refute his image of being "white-washed." Whatever the reason, it was a racist and unnecessary comment.

Back to my inability to find this story covered by major media outlets. I remember when GOP-enthusiast Rush Limbaugh attributed Donovan McNabb's success to the media wanting to see a black quarterback succeed. The story was everywhere. Limbaugh's credibility was further tarnished and he was quickly fired from his show. All were just actions based on the racism of his comments and now the same thing needs to be done to Gumbel. I don't buy into the "liberal media" thing, but it is very weird that this story is not getting more coverage. Let's be realistic: if a prominent white journalist stated that he didn't watch basketball because they are way too many black people, he would be fired as soon as the words left his mouth and he would be ripped apart by all the major media outlets. Gumbel needs to be fired and I want to see him ripped down by the media for his racist comments.

Sports are supposed to put people of all races on an even playing field and let them compete without the stereotypes that currently plague our world and this is especially the case with the Olympic Games. It is upsetting that people continue to equate so many different things with race. When a white journalist makes a racist comment, fire him; it is intolerable for that to take place in our modern, media-drenched society. When a black journalist makes a racist comment, fire him; it is intolerable for that to take place in our modern society.

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difficult, thorny and complex. It doesn't lend itself to easy solutions, and it certainly won't yield to out-of-date stereotypes. What is required—what is always required—in constant, constructive effort, careful lis-

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tening, efforts at appreciating each other and working to get beyond broad stereotypes and monolithic depictions of students from other cultures or ethnicities.

To the extent that we remain mired in such old-fashioned thinking, we will self-create an impediment to attracting and retaining additional diversity at Muhlenberg.

--Chris Hooker-Haring '72
Dean of Admission &
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Searching for bin Laden

Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Will Osama bin Laden ever be captured alive? This was the question posited to me for exploration and

explication and, to tell you the truth, I was shocked that it could even be asked. Since when have we been looking for Bin Laden, the sneaky little expletive who not only attacked our country on Sept. 11, but ushered in an entire new generation of terrorism paranoia, propelling a president's mad quest for American Imperialism? Our amazing "War on Terror," a charade that has long since left Afghanistan on its way to Iraq, has turned up little to no leads on a certain "terrorist mastermind": one who, at least according to a tape released last Monday, is apparently quite alive and well.

Al-Jazeera, a pan-Arabic satellite channel, broadcast an 11-minute, 26-second tape on Jan. 19 in which bin Laden, still somehow evading capture, promised that he would never be captured alive. So, the man behind the very catalyst of the most devastating attack America has ever witnessed on its own soil is still out there plotting to strike against our great country. And the top question on everybody's mind is whether or not he will be captured alive. Great. Superb. Saddam Hussein, who we had no real reason to go after, besides some non-existent weapons of mass destruction (remember those, Republican voters? I sure do!) has been captured and yet we still cannot get our hands on the man who actually turned American citizens into passengers on flying bombs? That, in my honest opinion, is ridiculous.

According to CBS News, "Many experts believe that bin Laden remains in hiding somewhere in the mountains near Khowst, an area that European intelligence sources have told the media is still controlled by the Taliban." Currently searching the region are members of the US military engaged in "Operation Mountain Storm," a maneuver searching the rugged border region of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Launched Mar. 7, 2004, this outfit has since been complimented with an "elite special forces unit," Task Force 121. So we are looking for him. Yes, an effort is

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Pick a college and you pick your community

Desiree Sedehi
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

In my campus mailbox Tuesday morning, there was nothing but a small yellow sheet of paper: a Campus Safety note. Most days I feel like these notes are my only tie with the greater Allentown community. From the moment I first arrived at Muhlenberg College, I was warned about the surrounding "projects" or "ghetto." After reading about robberies and finding out the horrifying news that a friend of mine had been stabbed while walking off-campus with a group of fellow students, I was overwhelmed by a great fear of the Allentown area. In fact, as my roommate and I now search for off-campus housing options, we get nervous every time we hear about any vacancies below 19th Street. And quite honestly, I am angry at myself for not being more involved off-campus and for being too afraid to venture downtown and help my neighbors. Furthermore, I am disappointed with the College as a whole for failing to strengthen student-community relations.

When I decided to attend Muhlenberg College, I focused on that one area; the three mile strip on Chew Street. As a sophomore who feels somewhat isolated from the rest of the Allentown population, I am starting to see things differently. What I didn't realize as an incoming freshman was this: when I decided to attend Muhlenberg, I was not

As a community beyond Muhlenberg College, we need to connect better with the people of Allentown, particularly those who need social support and who are living in poverty.

picking a college. I was picking an entire community. I feel like an Allentown citizen in every sense of the word; in fact, I feel somewhat distant from my hometown now that I spend the better part of my year in Allentown.

At the same time, I feel a lack of a connection with the Allentown community, despite the fact that I am now a part of it. A friend of mine, Samantha Greenberg '08, who has taken brave, active steps towards reaching out and volunteering at surrounding shelters, raves about the positive attributes of involvement in the surrounding area. "Part of attending Muhlenberg College is the joy of connecting with the Lehigh Valley community. Students who refuse to break out of the bubble are depriving themselves of something quite valuable and beneficial. I have learned so much about myself through volunteering; it's beyond the satisfaction of helping others."

As a student who has not taken these steps yet, I feel envious of those who have had amazing learning experiences in their work. As a community beyond Muhlenberg College, we need to connect better with the people of Allentown, particularly those who need social support and are living in poverty. As members of this community, it is our duty to help make Allentown safe for all its citizens, whether they are college students or single mothers.



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- 1:15pm Registration (Moyer Hall)
- 1:30pm Keynote Address: "Ten Tips for a Rich, Passionate, and Balanced Life" - Brian Fishbone '98 (Miller Forum)
- 2:15pm Workshop I (select one)
 - Work/Life Balance For Women
 - Recent Grads in the Job Search
 - Becoming an Entrepreneur
 - Careers in Sales can be Fun
 - Working in Higher Education
 - Interviewing from an Employer's Perspective
- 3:30pm Workshop II (select one)
 - Networking When You Don't Know Anyone!
 - Surviving the Real World
 - Marketing Your Study Abroad Experience
 - Job Search for Teachers
 - Careers in the Sciences
 - Working in Non-Profits
 - Careers in Law
- 4:30-5:30pm Mardi Gras Reception

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OSAMA | FROM PAGE 3 being made to capture a man responsible for the deaths of thousands of American civilians, firefighters, policemen, parents, husbands, wives and children. An effort, yes, but an incredibly dismal one in comparison to winning the Iraq war. How can the United States get away with this? More money, it seems, is being spent on new "blockbuster" movies outlining the tragedies themselves than is being spent to procure the one individual who is most responsible.

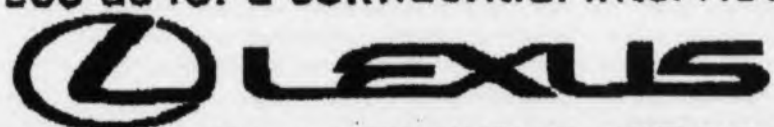
Ok, say we catch Osama bin Laden. Say, through some miracle, that the phone tapping, first-amendment-rights-eviscerating administration finally catches the slippery little zealot--then what? We ship him back to America and are then treated to an ungodly long trial which lingers for months, if not years, before a sentence is finally delivered, and he lives out his days in a maximum security prison, a sentence that not even Saddam Hussein, captured over a year ago, has yet to face.

The man who terrorized America, instigated a costly, deplorably amorphous and moronic "War on Terror," caused our Amendment rights as citizens of the USA to be infringed, would most likely use massive amounts of taxpayer dollars in a new "trial of the century"--and we all know how those turn out.

I offer here an alternative to the bleeding-heart liberal "punishment by love" garbage that feeds the nation today. I hope that the first GI, the first soldier to find Osama Bin Laden, puts a high caliber bullet right between his eyes. It might create a martyr, but justice will have been served.

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Dean Rudy Ehrenberg says farewell to the College

By Kristen Ziegler
WEEKLY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"There are some things I talked about doing while I was here," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, at the reception given in his honor this past Thursday. "The first was getting a tattoo, the second was getting an earring and the third was repelling off of the clock tower on graduation day."

While Ehrenberg joked about the things he regretted not doing while he was at Muhlenberg, they very likely could have been his only regrets. While someone else might have spoken about how he wished he had interacted more with students or been more involved in campus events, Ehrenberg was an ever-present face on campus. He attended sports games, school dances and even the Senior 100 Days celebration at the Sterling Hotel. "He was the perfect soul in this job," said President Randy Helm. And, after more than 11 years on the job, Ehrenberg is leaving.

Ehrenberg came to the College before any current students had even left elementary school. He arrived in 1994, while the College was still under the direction of Arthur Taylor. When Helm was inducted in 2003, he remembered meeting Ehrenberg and being told how reassuring a presence Ehrenberg was. "Jim Steffy [Interim President] introduced... Rudy as 'the man who lets me sleep at night—usually because he doesn't!'" said Helm.

While Ehrenberg threw himself into his job, he lent a sense of calm

to all of those around him, students as well as administrators. Allison Colino '06, Senior Class President, remembered when she joined Freshman Class Council and was invited to have pizza at Ehrenberg's house. "We were all so worried about what to wear because we wanted to impress him; we only knew we were going to his house, we weren't sure what for," said Colino. "When we got there, we realized just how down-to-earth Dean Rudy really is."

Ehrenberg's attitude towards students allowed him to be involved at a much deeper level than what was required by his job. While the Dean of Students is asked to "help establish a student culture where diversity is encouraged and where students learn to respect difference, take responsibility for their actions and exercise leadership," Ehrenberg went further (www.muhlenberg.edu). Ehrenberg attended sports games, dance recitals, Student Council meetings, College dances, Student Body meetings. He could be seen wandering down Academic Row, pausing for a moment in Seegers Union or eating lunch in the Garden Room with students. In establishing a student culture on campus, he became a part of every student's life.

His interaction with students allowed Ehrenberg to see the good in everyone. Helm joked that whenever they spoke of a student, Ehrenberg would only say good things. Whether the student was graduating magna cum laude or a first-semester freshman appearing in front of the Judicial Board for the

third time, "No matter what, Rudy would say, 'he's really a great kid,' and Rudy would say this about any kid at Muhlenberg," said Helm.

Ehrenberg's optimism about his students was what some think was his best quality. "Rudy understands students, realizes that all of us are 'works in progress'—and was patient with new students and with a new president as we learned Muhlenberg's ways," said Helm.

Susan Stachowski, Administrative Assistant in the Dean of Students' Office, said, "Rudy's affect may be as different as each encounter he had experienced; some see him as a loving family member, some see him as a disciplinarian, other as a mentor and advisor."

"He has given 110 percent to everything he has been involved in," said Stachowski.

Now, Ehrenberg is retiring from the College, moving to northern Virginia with his wife, Sandy, and



Dean Rudy Ehrenberg, shown here at a groundbreaking ceremony, will retire after 11 years of service to the College.

WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

hoping to spend some time with his six grandchildren, who live in Kansas and Massachusetts. While he will work for RAND, a research company based out of Washington, D.C., he will not be working full-time.

Even though he is leaving Muhlenberg, no one here will forget him. "Know that you have left not only your footprints on this campus, but your handprints on our hearts and lives," said Colino.

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as been his interaction with and observation of the students. Students are the reason that the College exists, and Ehrenberg says that whatever we do through our academic journey, we need first and foremost to improve the students.

When he and his wife Sandy move back to his former home state of Virginia, he does not expect to take another full-time job, but is looking forward to serving his community any way he can. He anticipates having the flexibility to do the things he wants to do, mentioning, among other things, doing research for the RAND Corporation and possibly teaching in the Washington, D.C. area. He is excited to be able to spend more time with his

grandchildren and other family members and to travel more often.

"It's not every day that you find somebody like Rudy Ehrenberg; he is truly one of a kind," says Jared Fine '06, Student Body President.

"He is a man who has spent the latter part of his career doing everything in his power to serve our students," said Fine. "Rudy Ehrenberg has touched the lives of many individuals who have passed through Muhlenberg College and he will be greatly missed."

Although he will soon be leaving the College, his dedication flagpole will forever stand proudly at the College, a gift from the students he cares for and respects given to a man who they care for and respect right back.



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The Department of Literatures, Languages and Cultures and the Chapel invite you to come celebrate with us.

When? Tuesday, February 28
Where? ML Underground
Time? 4:00pm

In different places, at different times, Carnevale took different forms of expression. In Rio de Janeiro it is celebrated with parades that would certainly do justice to the expression "Triumph of the Flesh." In the Caribbean, Carnival is a week-long celebration with colorful and elaborate costumes, drums and dancing. In Europe, and especially in Italy, there are colorful parades and competitions in which politicians and events are ridiculed or satirized. Venice is the Carnevale city par excellence. The celebration lasts for about two weeks and it is characterized by the gathering of people from all of Europe, people in their disguises and beautiful costumes. It is a true feast for the eyes and phantasmagoria of colors which has no parallel. There are gatherings and masked balls, and a prince can appear as a pauper and a pauper as a prince. Truly, "the most ordinary person can become somebody."



Ryan Campbell '08 (left) and Kim Nguyen '07 (right) are the two Student Body President candidates. Elections will be held Feb. 28.



PHOTOS BY KRISTEN ZIEGLER

DEBATE

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When asked what are the most important issues facing student life at the College, both Campbell and Nguyen said, among other things, that diversity and Greek Life were two very important issues. Campbell said that the biggest problem in terms of Greek Life is that fraternities and sororities are not showing the College what a valuable asset they are. He said that the organizations need to show the College how much they contribute to the College's atmosphere and one of his goals would be to get Greek organizations back out there. Nguyen said that since we already know that "numbers are down" we should try to figure out the reason for decline by working with the administration, not against them.

On the issue of diversity, Campbell said that since the campus is "not so diverse, our top priority should be to educate people," and to integrate all different organizations around campus. Nguyen said that we should realize that diversity also exists in religion, types of activities and interests. She also believed that education was a top priority and believed that a place like the "Multicultural Center should be open to all students."

One of the last questions, asked by Student Council member Brian Galgano '07 was, "If elected Student Body President,




what would be your biggest fear?" Campbell responded that his biggest fear would be letting the Student Body down on an issue that was really important. Nguyen answered, "leading a group of people who didn't respect me would honestly be my biggest fear."

In their closing statements, each candidate graciously thanked those who attended the debate and tried to sum up their position in all of two minutes. Campbell forcefully expressed his belief that serving on Student Council is not an imperative factor in serving as Student Body President. He said, "I think I can be an effective leader and package the ideas and goals of Student Council to the Board of Trustees." Finally, he said, above all, he would make sure that the Student Body's voice was heard.

Nguyen concluded by saying, "I am not a politician. And by that," she meant that "what you see is what you get. I am passionate and crazy." She also said she is never afraid to talk to people, to students, to all members of the community, "and most importantly I'm not afraid to listen to people."

About half the people that came to the Student Body Presidential Debate were on Student Council, but any and all students can vote for their president. Students can vote for Student Body President on Mon, Feb. 28.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 38 Low: 20	High: 38 Low: 24	High: 32 Low: 16

OFF CAMPUS

New mayor cleans up his office

Within one month of taking office, Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski-Democrat, has spent more than \$12,000 on renovating his suite. Of the money, taxpayers contributed \$2,780 of the bill. The rest of money, which comes to about \$10,000, will be taken from Pawlowski's campaign money.

Pawlowski stated that the office was "dated". He said, "My main thrust was for health reasons, but also it looked dingy." The room was dusty and, since he is susceptible to dust and mold after losing a lung when he was 20 years-old, he figured he should remodel.

City Councilman Tony Phillips-Democrat said "if Pawlowski had planned to use campaign funds to redo his office from the start, he should have actively publicized it."

U.S. Ice Dancers take silver in the Olympics

At the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto won silver medals. It is the first time in 28 years that a United States' ice dancing team has won a medal.

Previously the US won an ice dancing medal in 1976, the year ice dancing premiered in the Olympic Games. Colleen O'Connor and Jim Millns won the bronze medal for the US.

This competition was filled with many surprises. Maurizio Margagli, of Italy, was so furious during his act that he walked out mid-performance, abandoning his partner. Five couples had one partner spill onto the ice and the second, after a mistake-riddled program, Italian couple dropped from first to fifth place, allowing the United States team to move up in the ranks.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Delta Zeta Sorority sponsors Dave Wescel's presentation on hazing

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Mon. Feb. 20, Dave Wescel came to the College to speak about hazing, a lecture that he has given thousands of times at various colleges and across universities the nation. Wescel has nationally represented Greek organizations and has officiated football for many years, so he has had quite a bit of experience with witnessing hazing. In addition, he was a member of a fraternity during his college years at Western Michigan University and witnessed hazing during these years as well. The goal of his presentation was to give those who attended reasons why hazing is not a good idea so they know what to do if they are confronted with or experience hazing of any kind.

Wescel made the point that hazing is not an issue that only fraternities and sororities deal with. Sports teams and other organizations have also been involved in hazing allega-

tions. Hazers have a few reasons why they choose to haze and these reasons are easily refuted. First and foremost, hazers believe that hazing is acceptable because "if we went through it, the new members should have to go through it too." Old members believe that pledges should have to prove themselves through a period of hazing, which is often termed "hell week" by many fraternities and sororities.

Those who haze also rationalize their actions by saying that the definition of what hazing is has become so ambiguous that they do not know if what they are doing is actually hazing or not. Hazers have also given the excuse that hazing can be fun.

Wescel talked about the psychology of hazing. He said that hazers are usually

incomplete people, and are the worst members of whatever organization they are a part of. Weak members usually haze pledges because they need to feel powerful and they can easily take advantage of new members. Hazing for the hazer is all about control, manipulation, ego, and authority.

Hazing generally contradicts the ideals that Greek organizations were founded upon. When fraternities and sororities are endorsed, hazing and "hell week" are never mentioned, and old members are not allowed to talk about the hazing process. This is deliberate dishonesty, a trait which Greek organizations do not believe in. Greek organizations work to uphold honesty, team work, and commitment, but hazing contradicts all of these ideals. Hazing divides old

members and pledges, which goes against the Greek ideal of brotherhood or sisterhood. Hazers also say that pledges need to earn their membership in the fraternity or sorority through the one time "hell week" process, but membership in Greek life is really about members continuously upholding the ideals of their organization. One is a brother or sister not because one went through "hell week" together, but because one lived by the same set of standards and shared one's burdens together.

The consequences of hazing can be quite serious. Members who haze can find themselves convicted of anything from harassment to manslaughter, if something goes horribly wrong. In the past several years, more than seventy young people have died during the hazing process in various organizations. College chapters of fraternities and sororities have been suspended or shut down on hazing charges. This

process is called reorganization; when hazing is found in a chapter, each member must interview in front of a National Committee in order to be reinstated.

Christopher Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, attended Wescel's presentation, and thought that he raised many important points. He believes that Wescel's presentation was "honest. He worked to address the rationales people give for hazing, which is important." Jachimowicz believes that hazing is not only an issue for Greek organizations, but needs to be addressed campus-wide.

At the College, there have been allegations of hazing within the past few years, and several chapters are serving sanctions on hazing charges.

Overall, Jachimowicz commended Delta Zeta Sorority for bringing in such a knowledgeable speaker to address the important issue of hazing.

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Piecing it all Together

Dress is business casual

Global perspective is brought to the College

By Katherine Pearson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

It's not every night that students from all types of majors and every department at the College file into one room in order to listen to the same speaker. On Feb. 20, in Miller Forum in Moyer Hall, students and faculty alike gathered together to listen to Dr. Craig Calhoun present his lecture "Cosmopolitanism and Belonging" as part of the Center for Ethics' year-long "Ethics and Politics of Identity" program.

Calhoun is president of the Social Science Research Council and professor of Social Sciences at New York University. He has written extensively on the topics of democracy, nationalism, social theory and identity. His most recent reflections have been on the questions of identity and nationalism in relation to globalization

and he presented these topics to the College in his presentation.

Calhoun was asked to speak at the College by Jeff Pooley, Instructor of Communication. Calhoun said the lecture series sounded like a "very creative and innovative program" and he was excited to take part. Lisa Perfetti, Associate Professor of French and Director of the Center for Ethics, thought that Calhoun's participation in the lecture series would "add a global perspective to complement the local aspects of the program, which include the issues of race, gender and sexuality." Perfetti said that, "A global perspective is particularly important given the promi-

nence of migration and immigration in identity formation today, which will be addressed by future speakers in the program."

The evening's lecture addressed how one's sense of belonging to a nation, ethnic group or religion is being undermined by the force of globalization and movement toward a global community.

Cosmopolitanism is the

"We are able to become citizens of the global world through structures of belonging, not by bypassing them."

Craig Calhoun

idea that international connectedness is leading us toward a "post-national" society in which we will identify ourselves as citizens of the world.

However, in order to be efficiently integrated into the world as a whole, Calhoun stressed that one needs to have other ways of "belonging" too. One must

first form his/her identity by belonging to nations, ethnic groups, religions, local communities, businesses, schools, clubs and other groups of people. One cannot remain closed off from the rest of the world but should open themselves up to new group-

ings and experiences. Calhoun's closing statement reminded us that "we are able to become citizens of the global world through structures of belonging, not by bypassing them."

Calhoun's message was well-received by faculty and students alike. Damara Gonzales '08 thought that Calhoun was "well-spoken and engaging." She enjoyed "how well he tied in many aspects of study and ideologies" and how the "exam-

ples of people caring for each other while respecting their belonging to a certain group were poignant and applicable to how our society deals with race, class and gender."

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Janine Chi, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, liked that Calhoun "raised some thought-provoking comments and issues for students who may or may not be familiar with the idea of the nation-state and nationalism."

John Paone '09 found the lecture to be "very entertaining with how he talked about cross-cutting nation-states and used concepts such as religion as a means for people to be connected to each other in a global twenty-first century."

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 13 - Disorderly Conduct - A non-student continually left phone messages for a faculty member. The non-student was told to refrain from calling the College.

Feb. 14 - Injured Student - A male student was playing basketball in the back drive and was hit above the eye. He was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Feb. 14 - Injured Student - A student with back pain was found in the Life Sports Center spitting up blood. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Feb. 15 - Sick Student - A student in Martin Luther Hall was running a high temperature and had a sore throat. The student refused to go to the hospital but went to the Health Center the next day.

Feb. 15 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Two staff member's cars bumped into each other in the Prosser Hall

parking lot. There was little damage and the two exchanged information.

Feb. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An alarm in South Hall was set off due to burnt popcorn.

Feb. 17 - Injured Employee - A housekeeper with a back injury was sent to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 17 - Safety Hazard - A large tree branch fell over on some cars in the Martin Luther Hall parking lot.

Feb. 17 - Weapons - A B.B. gun and a box full of ammunition were found in Tremont Apartments. This matter was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 17 - Intoxicated Student - An intoxicated student was found in Prosser Hall. The student was sent to Sacred Heart Hospital and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 18 - Injured Student - A student who had a cut elbow

was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 18 - Vandalism - Two fire doors in Martin Luther Hall were found to be off their hinges, with their window panes smashed.

Feb. 18 - Underage Alcohol - A non-student was found drunk in Prosser Hall and was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in South Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Feb. 19 - Vandalism - The simplex reader on the door facing Prosser Hall was ripped off, leaving the wires exposed.

Feb. 19 - Theft - A student reported that her purse was stolen at an off-campus party.

Feb. 19 - Underage Alcohol - An intoxicated student was found in a women's bathroom in Walz Hall. The student was sent to St. Luke's

Hospital and was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 19 - Intoxicated Person - An intoxicated student passed out on the porch of his/her Liberty Street home. The student was unresponsive and was sent to Lehigh Valley Hospital. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 19 - Disorderly Conduct - A non-student who was previously issued a trespassing letter was arrested after being found on N. 26th Street. The individual is the ex-boyfriend of a student at the College.

Feb. 19 - Hit and Run - A student-teacher hit three cars and a telephone pole and then drove away. The student was referred to the Judicial Process, but it still unknown whether they will be charged or not.

Feb. 19 - Underage Alcohol - Underage students in Benfer Hall were found consuming alcohol. The students were

referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 19 - Theft - A student's money, license, ID, ATM card, i-Pod and black notebook were stolen from his/her room in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 19 - Harassment - A student was harassed by another student in Prosser Hall and is considering filing a harassment charge.

Feb. 19 - Kidnapping - Two black individuals in a white sedan abducted and possibly sexually-assaulted a student leaving an off-campus party. If anyone has any information, you are requested to call Campus Safety or call the Allentown Police and ask for Kevin Smith.

Feb. 20 - Vandalism - Room 302 in Moyer Hall was found in disarray. The podium was damaged and vandalized.

Feb. 20 - Vandalism - Broken beer bottles were found in Robertson Hall.

Life!

"Promise yourself to live your life as a revolution, not just a process of evolution."

**- Anthony J. D'Angelo,
The College Blue Book**

"Monologues" turns an uncomfortable word into empowering realizations

By Jackie Starnier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Brooke Steinhauser '08 and Abby Mayerhoff '08 headed the College's first V-Day (which stands for violence, victory and, of course, vagina) campaign, which culminated in two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 17 and 18. Ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of tickets, t-shirts and chocolate pussy pops went to the national V-Day Organization.

The show also benefited Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, which provides shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence. The V-Day Organization works with smaller groups worldwide to coordinate thousands of campaigns per year. Steinhauser said that the mission of the organization is to "stop social injustice and violence against women in all forms."

Female students of the College and Linda Bips, Assistant Professor of Psychology, performed Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" to sold-out audiences. One of the stipulations of the V-day Organization is that you must allow as many people as possible to participate. Under Steinhauser's guidance, a play that is usually performed by four women was transformed into one performed by 24 women.

The word "vagina," becomes common currency in this play. To

open the show, the actors walked down the aisles in Garden Room listing different names for vaginas like "cunt," "coochi snorcher" and "pussy." The actors brought the unmentionable to light as they performed monologues about pubic hair, masturbation, menstruation and sexual violence.

The narrator in the introduction, Megan O'Donnell '06, tells us that over 200 women were interviewed in order to compile these monologues. In "Hair," Katie Boyles '08 is the voice of a woman who shaved her vagina for her "first and only husband." When he rubbed against her it felt "naked, puffy." Despite the discomfort, she did it again, but he cheated on her anyway.

Another woman, played by Rosalind Becroft '08, told of her experience in "The Vagina Workshop." She lay on her little blue mat and looked at her vagina in a hand mirror. On that little blue mat she noticed all the "layers" that she had never seen before and achieved a state of "vaginal wonder."

The women in the first few monologues talked about discovering themselves through their vaginas. In "Because He Liked to Look at It," the speaker, played by Leah Fine '08, relates the story of Bob, a nondescript man who "loved vaginas." Before she had sex with Bob he said he needed to see her. She said, "I'm right here." "No, I need



The cast of "Vagina Monologues" gathers together after the show.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNIER

to see you," he said, and when he stared at her vagina he was transformed into a "hungry beast." Bob taught her that her vagina could be beautiful.

The tone of the play changed with the vagina "Not-So-Happy Fact" given by Melinda Gross '09: "130 million females [are subjected to] genital mutilation." An estimated 135 million women have undergone genital mutilation. Around two million girls a year are at risk of mutilation--approximately 6,000 per day. It is practiced extensively in Africa and is common in some countries in the Middle East. It also occurs mainly among immigrant communities, in parts of Asia, North and Latin America and Europe. Mutilation occurs predominantly among immigrants in industrialized countries like Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Sweden, the UK and

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT SONG DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE AT THE COLLEGE?



"'Rubber Ducky' because I like being a clean Mule!"

- Josh Posilkin '06



"'Help' by The Beatles, because we are bio majors."

- Tommy Pfeiffer '07 & Jess Stabb '07



"'Crazy' by Britney Spears."

- Kennedy Kanagawa '08



"'Just Breathe'--the housing process is crazy!"

- Katy Mangold, Residence Coordinator for MILE houses



"'These Boots are Made for Walkin' because I have no other form of transportation than my feet."

- Rebecca Bednar '09

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

WMUH sponsored band jam raises funds for Katrina victims

By Erin McGroarty
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Though many people have forgotten about the recent Hurricane Katrina events and the help that is still needed in and around the New Orleans, La. area, the members of WMUH held a concert to raise funds for the distressed region. On Feb. 17, bands from the College played for donations from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Brian Ellis '06, who is a DJ with his own show called "Noise Pollution" and works in the Public Relations department at WMUH, was one of the main creators of this event. Ellis said that "basically this event was created by late night infomercials;" specifically, a show that had phone-ins for Katrina. Ellis explained that he had always wanted to do something to help out and the concert was a great opportunity to do something for charity.

The WMUH crew put together an eclectic concert so easily because

"everyone has such different taste in music...from everyone else, so we get along really well," said Paul DeMilio '06. As it turns out, Ellis and the rest of the WMUH group



Caffery Garff '07 and Evan Weber '06 play in the concert put on by WMUH.

PHOTO BY ERIN MCGROARTY

was right on the money, because the event had a good turnout and they received plenty of donations.

There were six different groups that played for this event. Chris May '08, Mike Malkowski '08, Dan Stark

'08 and Chris Wood '08, members of Mike & Dan's Ween Jamboreen, started off the event. Though they sounded a bit rough around the edges and had smaller numbers, their energy more than made up for it. May described their sound as "a spectacle of wondrously choreographed noise that transcends the norm of bland and unimaginable music," which says more about the band's attitude than their sound.

Another group that performed was the new a capella group InAcchord. They were able to show off their amazing ability to harmonize together. No & The Big Deal and Lusitania were two more groups that had amazing sound. Ben Heard '06, with guest Pam Peterson '06, gave a wonderful performance of classics like "the

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The stuff that dreams are made of: interpreting your subconscious

By Sarah Smith
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

For many people, dreams serve as a source of constant confusion, worry and sometimes, fear. As one of those individuals, I have bought



Greg Hoeflicker enjoys his down time after his dream presentation in Seegers Union.

PHOTO BY LOU MARQUET

books and searched the Internet without much success for insight into my REM induced night-time visitors. However, on Feb. 17 I closed my dream books and websites to visit a person who could actually help me: Greg Hoeflicker, dream interpreter extraordinaire.

Hoeflicker, a graduate of the School of Metaphysics in the Midwest, was originally an engineering major who, along with dream interpreting, owns an architectural modeling business. He enjoys both occupations because they provide him with two different life experiences: concrete and interpersonal. His interest in dream

began while he was in school and his teacher taught him visual mind aids to help him to remember or find things.

This technique can be applied to dreams as well. "Before you go to bed, focus on a problem or question you need answered. While lying in bed, think about all the possible solutions to that problem until your mind exhausts itself and you fall asleep," Hoeflicker said. Often, your resulting dream will not be about that issue, but when you wake up in the morning you will have your solution.

He said that the most common dreams people have are ones in which they are chased or killed. This death or chase often means that changes are happening in your life that you are having trouble adjusting to or that you can't control.

As for the dreamer in all college students, he offers some sage-like tips. "The dreams say something about yourself, they tell a story about you," he said. So don't think your dreams are trying to tell you

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AMC Weekend Listings



Curious George

Fri. 4:30, 7:00
Sat. 2:20, 4:30, 7:00
Sun. 2:20, 4:30, 7:00

Pink Panther

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:50

Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Final Destination 3

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 4:20, 7:20

Doogal

Fri. 4:45, 7:10, 9:20
Sat. 4:45, 7:10, 9:20
Sun. 2:45, 4:45, 7:10

When a Stranger Calls

Fri. 9:30
Sat. 9:30

Firewall

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Date Movie

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Eight Below

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Dispelling the myth of ideal mates, one burp and beer at a time

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

What is the perfect mate? Is it someone who shares every single attribute with you, down to your shoe size and preference for light or dark chocolate? Is it someone you have nothing in common with, someone who you sometimes even wonder why you are with them? What are men and women looking for in a significant other: a reflection of him/herself, or an entirely different view?

Let me pose this question to the men reading this article. What if there was a woman who was beautiful, intelligent and funny? What if her three favorite things in life were beer, wings and *Family Guy*? What if she had a sexual appetite that rivaled most college-aged men? Is this the ideal woman?

I'm sure most men would say "Yes, but this woman does not exist." Trust me, she does exist, and

she's right here on this campus. I personally know several of them. If you go to Stooges on Wing Night, you will see lots of women there, drinking Budweiser and eating extra hot wings. But does a guy really want to date himself or his best friend (but with boobs)? Sometimes a guy just wants to cuddle with a "real girl."

What is a "real girl"? Where do you mark the boundary between cute, cuddling, loving lady-friend and "psycho-bitch stalker"? What are the qualifications for each? Why is this line so thin, constantly changing and sometimes completely invisible?

You want your girl to be able to hang out with the guys in the common room and take care of you in the bedroom, so what if one of those areas is lacking? What if the sex is amazing but your friends hate her? What if she always wins the burping contests but always makes

you feel like the bitch on the top bunk?

As for the ladies, we have the same wants and needs as men. We want a smart, sexy and funny guy who will make us laugh. We want someone who will tend to our every need above and beneath the sheets.

We want someone to tell us we look pretty, but we also want to be invited out to the bars with the guys every once and a while.

What would be the ideal man? Is he strong and handsome, but doesn't mind showing you his private side? Is he a guy who will openly cry in front of you about his dead goldfish? Or is he a guy that keeps it all bottled up inside and takes his feelings out on small animals? Does the ideal man keep his mouth shut unless he is between your legs?

The truth is, there is no ideal mate, for either a man or a woman. You are going to have to compro-

mise eventually, so appreciate what is out there or what you have. Ladies: guys like their *guy time*. They want to spend nights farting and talking about Jessica Alba without your face twisting into shocked and disgusted gestures.

They also want a girl who will listen to them about the things that they feel they can't share with their friends. They want someone who they can have fun with, who they can be silly with. They want to feel safe and like they are not being judged. Guys: girls like *girl time* as well, but don't forget about one-on-one time with each other.

One Friday night spent in watching a movie can do way more for a relationship than four nights of awesome partying and drunken sex. There will always be parties; the bars will always be open.

Take the time to appreciate your partner and spend quality time with them. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Diners galore: Eating out on a budget

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Everyone loves going to a diner, especially world-class diners like those found in New York and New Jersey. Even though Allentown, Pa. isn't particularly known for its diners, if you're looking for some decent diner food (of course, it's not on a par with N.Y. or N.J.), then there are a few local options not far from our campus which warrant a visit.

The first diner, which I think is the best, is Nick's Diner, located on Tilghman Street right by Volpes Sports Bar. It is very small and looks old, but they offer good diner food and quick service. Sometimes when it is crowded they mess up breakfast orders like omelets, but

the majority of the time they get the order right.

Some of the best items on the menu are the French Onion soup, mozzarella sticks, french fries and gyros. According to Heather Crawford '07, "They make a nice fluffy egg white omelet which is hard to find." Nick's is definitely the best diner to go to on weekend mornings when you wake up after a long night of festivities.

Some other diners in the area that are quite acceptable are Hamilton Family Diner (better known as Ham Fam), Trivet's Diner and City View Diner (which is located near the Lehigh Valley Mall.) All have good typical diner cuisine, but some people complain about Trivet's because they charge extra for home fries with breakfast. However, many

think that they serve the best breakfast of all the diners.

Ham Fam is a nice place when you have the late night munchies because of its close location and its 24-hour service. City View isn't in the most convenient location and its quality has slipped in the past year, but it is still worth mentioning.

For those of you who enjoy skiing or plan on going to Camelback Mountain or outlet shopping at The Crossings, there is a great diner nearby, Mollie's, that is rated as the best in the Poconos.

Mollie's Diner is owned by a family from New York and it is the closest you can get to a New York diner in Pennsylvania. The diner is about ten minutes from Camelback and located on Main Street in Stroudsburg, Pa., a very quaint

area. They have great breakfast specials such as pancakes with peaches and blueberries or frittatas. Their pancakes, which are very popular, vary by day and are often stuffed with different fillings. Also, all of their breakfast pastries are homemade and they have the best cinnamon buns I have ever tasted.

Mollie's also serves lunch and dinner. You can get the normal diner food and have a great meal. If you are ever in the Poconos definitely make a pit stop at Mollie's Diner.

Go pay a visit to the diners in Allentown and see which one you like the best. They are cheap, satisfying and offer fast service that match both a student's schedule and wallet. Every college student should have a diner experience.

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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

So it's about a week until break, that last little bit until you're free! There's a lot to do before you leave, though, and you're going to need some help. Time to call on some of those friends of yours to come help you out. Don't guilt them into it or anything, 'cause everyone hates that. Be genuine and you'll get a genuine reaction from them; granted, it might not always be the one you want but it will be real.

Taurus

There have been issues going on now for quite awhile and you're tempted to just call it quits and get out now. Now is the time to use a bit of restraint. Take a day or even two or three and see if things change. The stars show change is in your future and a lot could be lost if you make hasty decisions. If your mind is set and the situation doesn't change by then, go for it. Who knows? Maybe the stars are wrong.

Gemini

You have not been sleeping well. Dreams with books flying at your head and tests giving you paper cuts all over your face haunt your REM cycles and your dozing subconscious. You often wake up in the middle of the night in a sweat, believing that you did not hand in an important assignment and are going to fail all your courses. These dreams mean that you need to start taking your schoolwork more seriously.

Cancer

Be prepared. Next week brings icy, cold weather as well as frigid responses from friends and acquaintances. Although their reaction to you is not completely your fault, your 'fair weathered friend' traits lead people to not take your friendship seriously. Wise up! Realize that if you do not start acting genuine or loyal all of your so-called friendships may be at stake. Consider your course of action.

Leo

Are you walking on sunshine? Of course you are, because you have been getting extra-special attention from that crush you've had for ages. Take every opportunity to enjoy yourself this week because you never know what will be in store for you the following week. Wear that new shirt and shoes. Feel good about yourself and show it because you deserve it.

Virgo

When looking at your stars this week, I noticed something different from usual. Nothing is going to fall on your head and no rain cloud will be following you to rain on your parade. I have a strong feeling that someone really cares for you and you know who it is. Know then that they would do anything for you, including walking through that rain-clouded parade.

Libra

Dresses and boots, kittens and snow flakes on the eyelashes were Julie Andrews' favorite things in *The Sound of Music*. But none of these lovely things will be coming into your dreadful life. Nope, all you have is rotten food and sour milk, gum on the bottom of shoes and broken school bag blues. Don't expect things to change immediately. After all, these horoscopes last the rest of the week.

Scorpio

Have you been feeling a little bit frisky lately? Obviously this term can apply to many things like sexual passion, the need for exercise or the desire to be a little sassy. So whatever category you happen to fall into, put a little hip and elbow grease into your "friskiness" and see what marvelous results can come of it. A tiny bit of extra effort can produce impressive and lasting results as well as make you feel good about yourself.

Sagittarius

Unexpected things are going to happen to you very soon. Anything is a possibility--watch out for slippery patches of wet substances and spit out gum on the side of Academic Row. Look for chance encounters and take note of new acquaintances. One of these people may serve to influence your life in a little while. Now whether this influence is good or bad, time can only tell. Be watchful!

Capricorn

It's time to make amends and wipe your slate clean. Forget past humiliations and embarrassments. Brush that incident you had in Seegers Union off your mind with a wave of your hand. You are a different from last year and you deserve a new start. So cut off all of those loose threads you have hanging, holding you back from reaching your true potential. Be excited, it's about time for a change!

Aquarius

Coffee seems to be the cure all for everything. You could say it is the chocolate of the drinking world. Bad day, cure it with a piping hot cafe mocha. Feeling sluggish and down, a regular cup of bold, caffeinated joe can pick you up. Having a lonely, I-need-to-be-cuddled day, a warm latte can offer you milky comfort. Aquarius, you should try an iced coffee, it'll fix all of your problems.

Pisces

Fish like to swim and you are very much like a biological fish. You, a Pisces, are living crabs in your College fishbowl. The aquarians (a.k.a. bus riders) are the ones who are scared to swim. They are scared to go where your heart takes you. A phone and AAA are your best friends. Gas stations are always around.

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United States of America.

In "The Memory of Her Face" Jane Gomes '08, Corinna Ortiz '08 and Esther Martin '09 tell the story of a woman in Baghdad whose face was burned off. Her father hated her more than the planes that dropped the bombs that marred her, because he could no longer marry her off. There is the voice of a Bosnian refugee, played by Tricia Conti '08 and Kendra Mittermeyer '09, who was raped by soldiers for seven days

until her vagina became "a river of poison and puss."

The monologues ended with a performance by Bips about the most miraculous feat of a vagina, birth.

The monologues, both funny and heart-breaking, left many of the women in the audience feeling empowered and frightened. Women wanted to wear short skirts as "flag[s] in the women's liberation army" and weep because "she was bone" because the lip had fallen off in her hand, because it was no longer hers.

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Boxer" by Paul McCartney and "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay" by Otis Redding. The final performance was given by Jon Eddy '06 and Caffery Garff '07, both from Fantastapotamus, with guest Evan Weber '06. Fantastapotamus played some of their classics as well as some newer music. They definitely ended the show on a high note.

The concert for the victims generated donations for the Red Cross

and will hopefully remind the campus of the need that there still is around the Gulf Coast.

Although the concert started off a little slow, the crowd gradually grew and by the time the smooth sounds of the last performance resounded, the audiences' applause and enthusiastic reaction offered proof that it was definitely a success.

As Chris Brauner '08, the WMUH Treasurer, said at the end, "The show had turnout, it seemed like everyone enjoyed it."



Ben Heard '06 and Pam Peterson '06 sing for Katrina donations at WMUH concert.

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something about your next-door neighbor or suitemate. They are about you.

Hoeflicker believes that interpreting your dream can offer helpful insight into your thoughts and you can grow personally and learn more about yourself--a scary thought for most of us. It raises the questions, can you know too much about yourself and how much more do you actually want to learn about that scary subconscious?

Hoeflicker's mission is to provide insight into people's dream experiences without disturbing them too much. He has taken his dream inter-

preting skills from California to New York and primarily speaks at colleges. Last week alone, he gave three presentations and is next off to Detroit, Mich. after a short break at home in Chicago, Ill.

Hoeflicker claimed that one of the most challenging aspects of giving dream programs is that students are reluctant to offer their questions and experiences while in small groups.

The small crowd that gathered on Friday provided this challenge. However, its tiny attendance size did not diminish its overall effect. The program was still very helpful in deciphering dreams, the meaning of subconscious symbols and the workings of the mind.

Pressure strengthens heart

Mule Profile: Tom Scott

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

No one can say Junior Tom Scott lacks passion. While the season of the College's men's basketball team hung from a delicate string the past few weeks, Scott made sure that that string didn't break.

Coming into last Saturday's game, Scott averaged 16.7 points per game, which is several more points per game than he averaged in the first 21 games of the season. His performance helped the Mules keep their playoff hopes alive, as they won two out of three tough contests. Going into Saturday's game, the Mules held their destiny in their own hands. Just to make Saturday's challenge more difficult, the Mules had to beat top-seeded Ursinus College in order to gain a Centennial Conference Tournament birth without go-to man Junior Jeff Stewart and solid point guard junior Chris Strachen, who were sidelined by injuries. Scott faced the challenge head-on, scoring his season-high 27 points and grabbing eight rebounds, but he didn't know it at the time.

"I had no idea how many points I scored," said Scott. "I just knew we wanted to win so I just kept playing."

Scott also felt the holes that needed to be filled. "With [Stewart and Strachen] out, we knew we had to step up," said Scott. "I just

didn't want our season to end yet."

His performance in the last four games was capped by two successful free throws made with 15.1 seconds left in Saturday's game, which increased the possibility for a Mules' victory as



Junior co-Captain Tom Scott powers down the court to lead his team to victory.

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the lead widened to three.

"Once the game ended and we won, I couldn't have been more excited," said Scott. "Our hard work finally paid off."

Scott's hard work over the past three years on

the team was also rewarded when he was named co-Captain along with O'Brien. Even though he keeps the same work ethic, he recognized and accepted more responsibility. "I know I have to push other people in practice," said Scott. "I try to constantly make the entire team work harder so we can be better."

Scott began his basketball career in second grade. Naming Michael Jordan as his role model, Scott certainly had an impressive trail to follow. "He is the greatest player and athlete of all time," said Scott.

At Saint Joseph's High School in Edison, N.J., Scott brought his basketball jumping ability to the volleyball court. During his final season on the volleyball floor, Scott captained the team that became the State Champions. Scott keeps his high school athletic memories with him during every game at the College—physically. "Every game I wear my high school practice jersey under my college jersey. And pray," said Scott.

After this semester, the Accounting and Business Finance major hopes to intern at one of the Big Four accounting firms, which may lead to a job opportunity. "I would love to work for one of the them," said Scott.

Besides playing basketball and working hard in the classroom, Scott also enjoys other activities. "I'm into motorcycles—I'm actually getting one in April," said Scott. "Coach might not be too happy, though."

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Muhlenberg's Self-Study for the College's Re-Accreditation is now complete and may be accessed online from the College Start Page by clicking on:

Middle States Self-Study Process

Copies of the Self-Study are also available at the Circulation Desk in Trexler Library.

The Middle States Evaluation Team will be on campus March 19-22.

Two Mules win invites to NCAAs

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past Saturday the College's wrestling team traveled to Johns Hopkins University for the Centennial Conference Championship. The College finished in third place, half a point away from second place. Finishing ahead of the College was McDaniel College in second place and Ursinus College, taking the Conference Championship.

Senior Dale Mills and Junior Matt Loesch each won

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their respective weight classes and received bids to compete in the NCAA Division III Championship. Mills, 157 lbs., won his first bout by pinning his opponent in 1:28. His next match was tied in the final period, but Mills' riding time took him to victory with a close 10-9 win. His championship match was against Ryan Bennick from Stevens Tech. In January, Mills beat Bennick with a major decision of 17-6. Mills prevailed again, taking the Championship with his 11-8 decision win.

Loesch started off similarly, pinning his first opponent in 1:35. His second match gave way to a 6-1 decision victory, which propelled him to the finals. In the finals, Loesch met Kyle Capella from

Ursinus. Earlier this year, Loesch beat Capella 5-2. Loesch defeated him again, this time with a pin in 1:49. This is Loesch's third trip to the NCAAs, where he finished fourth last year.

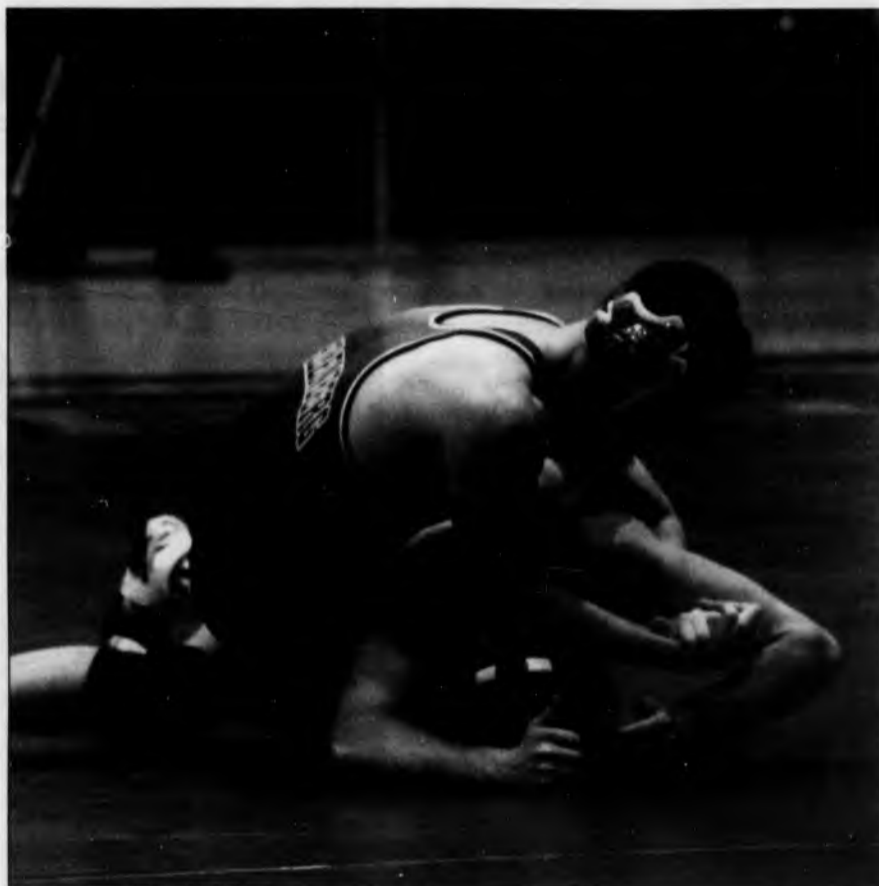
"We were amazing at Conference even with only putting nine guys in," said Loesch. "Coming out with six guys placing in the top three [in each class] is amazing. I have little doubt that we will not only take the Conference in dual meets next year, but that we will

also be champions at the Conference tournament."

Two freshmen also had strong performances as they made it to the final rounds. Both Freshman Rob Kein (141 lbs.) and Freshman Billy Hall (133 lbs.) finished in second place. Hall started with a bye, and he shut out his first opponent 8-0. He lost in the finals, 10-5, to the CC Wrestler of the Year, Eddie Murray from Ursinus College.

Kein beat his first challenger with an 11-1 win. His second bout gave way to a 9-4 victory. Kein then lost 10-3 in the finals to a King's Point College wrestler.

Kein remarks, "I'm disappointed that I didn't win but confident that I'll be able to improve a lot by next year by getting in the weight room and improving my skill on the mat. Sometimes it is good not to finish



Sophomore Joe DeCampo pins his opponent to the ground.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

on top at the end of the season. It gives you that extra motivation and push for the following season."

Junior Mike Tenenhaus came in third at 125 lbs. Freshman Matt

Horn (184 lbs.) took third place pinning his competitor in 44 seconds.

The NCAAs will be held at The College of New Jersey on the weekend of Mar. 3-4.

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first place in the Centennial Conference, the Mules had to beat the Ursinus College Bears. In their

first match-up, the Mules defeated Ursinus in overtime.

This game went down to the last buzzer. After a stunning defense possession that caused a Bear travel with one second left on the shot

clock, the Mules took control of the ball. Ursinus only had one foul in the half with twenty seconds left in the game. In order to send the Mules to the foul line, the Bears fouled the Mules continuously until their team fouls reached seven.

Ursinus' seventh foul allowed Piscadolo to go to the foul line to shoot a one-and-one. Making the first shot and missing the second, the Mules rebounded the miss and Senior Lacie Smith was fouled. After missing the first shot, the Mules handed control over to Ursinus with little time remaining.

With the Mules up by two points, Ursinus was fouled with no time left on the clock. The Bears needed to sink both baskets in order to send the game into overtime. However, the first shot missed and the Mules pulled out the nail-biter. The Mules finished

the season with an 11-1 record, where each of the games was won or lost by ten or fewer points. Boyle and Courtney led the team with 12 points apiece. Smith had a solid game with nine points and eight rebounds. Courtney's 364 points this season are the ninth-highest in the College's history.

Before the game, the team's seven seniors were honored in their last regular season home game. Seniors Piscadolo, Smith, Stephanie Coluccini, Valerie Robuck, Michelle Hirst, Sam Tager and Tiffany Kirk were one game shy of being the class with the most number of wins in the College's history. The team has won a total of 70 games, one game short of the Class of 2004's standing. "It was great to be honored with the other seniors and an honor to continue playing," said Kirk.

The College is 13-0 at home this year and clinched the top seed in the CC Tournament. They will host the winner of Wednesday's Gettysburg College versus McDaniel College game in one semifinal on Saturday. The other semifinal will match Johns Hopkins against Dickinson. The winners meet for the championship the next day.



Senior Stephanie Coluccini drives the court away from an Ursinus College opponent.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

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last-second of the season. Despite the loss, Stewart put up 22 points and collected a career-high 19 rebounds while suffering an injury that limited his second half effectiveness. O'Brien added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Wednesday night's loss did not put the Mules out of playoff contention. Haverford College, the team tied with the Mules, also lost Wednesday night, leaving the Mules to determine their own fate.

However, all the odds were stacked against the Mules as they faced the top-ranked Ursinus College Bears on Saturday. Wednesday night's game also resulted in injury losses of two key Mules: Stewart, with a foot injury, and point guard Chris Strachan, with a broken foot.

People packed into Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon to honor the Mules' lone senior: O'Brien.

O'Brien and other players needed to step up to compensate for the absence of Stewart and Strachan due to their injuries. Since several players were injured, there was extra pressure to perform up to expectations.

Scott recorded a season-high 27 points, including two foul shots in the last 15 seconds, to put the Mules

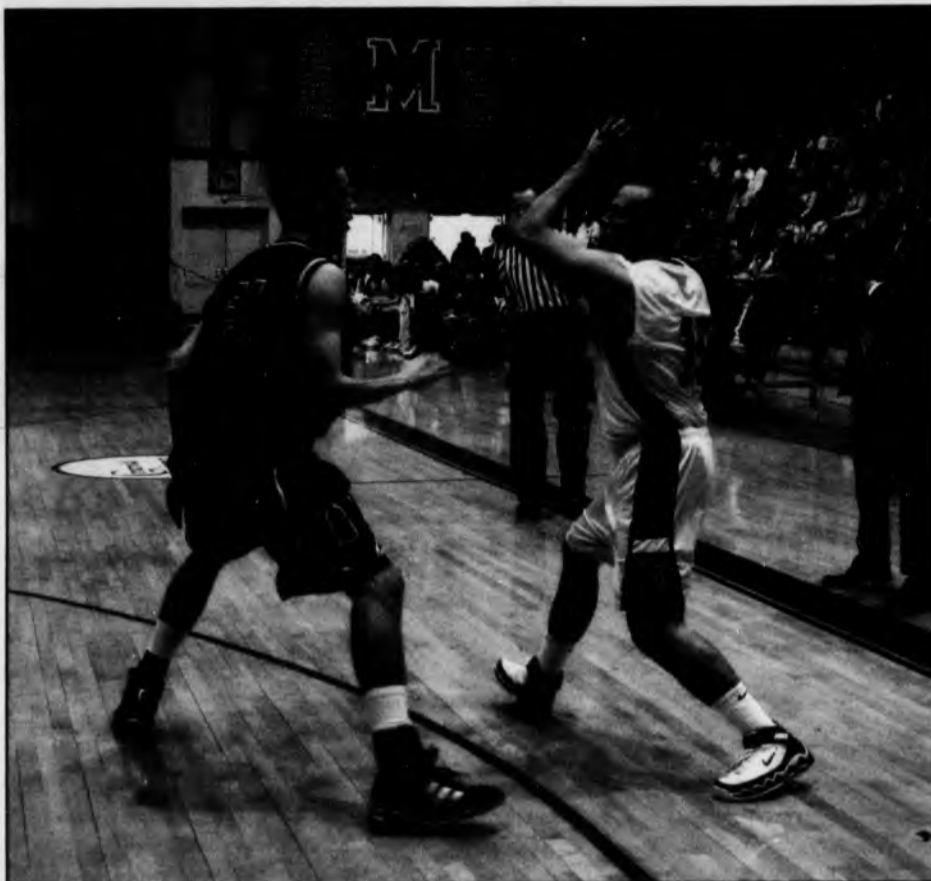
up by three points. After a missed three-point attempt by the Bears, Freshman Mike Bernardini retrieved the rebound and was instantly fouled. He converted on one of two foul shots, putting the Mules up by four points with only one second left on the clock.

"I promised O'Brien before the game that it would not be his last and I knew I had to keep my promise," said Scott. "We knew what we had to do to win: step up offensively and play great defense."

After three years without post season play, O'Brien will get his chance to make a run at the Centennial Conference title. O'Brien finished the game with seven points, six rebounds and four steals.

"The toughest parts of having to sit out on Saturday were not being able to be on the court with [O'Brien] and obviously not being able to physically contribute," commented Strachan. "For the team to win without [Stewart] and I was huge. It showed our team's character, ability to persevere and our heart. Now we have a brand new season ahead of us."

The 74-70 victory over Ursinus earned the Mules the fifth and final seed in the Conference playoffs. The Mules finished the year with a 12-1



Junior Chris Pothering looks to make a play to spur the Mules on to victory.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

home record, matching the most home wins in 60 years.

Huber finished the game with 13 points. His two three-pointers increased his season three-point

total to 61, which is the second best in the College's history. Junior forward Jimmy Riggins stepped up in Stewart's absence and finished with nine points.

Mules stride into another victory



Juniors Lex Mercado (left) and Steve Rothwell (right) had a speedy start in the mile last week.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ROTHWELL

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

At the Princeton Invitational, which was held last Saturday at Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., the Mules had several more Eastern Collegiate Conference-qualifying performances. Junior Steve Rothwell, who qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships (ECACs) in the mile at the Bucknell Winter Classic on Feb. 11, qualified for the ECACs in the 800-meter race with a time of 1:55.78.

Rothwell's time was 0.78 seconds lower than the NCAA qualifying time. Although Rothwell ran in the second heat, his time was faster than any of the runners who ran in the top heat of the race.

"I was disappointed because I was put in the second heat. I was seeded ninth and the top eight were

in the first heat. However, it ended up working out well because I was able to pace myself," said Rothwell about his fastest indoor time in the 800 yet. "The CCs are on Saturday and they are sort of the last hurrah for the team. You had to qualify to go, but most of the team qualified. It's a very team-oriented meet. There is never just one top dog. Everyone goes all out." Rothwell is running five events over the two days.

For the women, Junior Jacquelyn Inverso qualified in the triple jump with a jump of 35 feet, nine and one-quarter inches. Junior Rachel Drosdick qualified in the long jump by jumping a distance of 16 feet and six and a half inches.

The Mules' next race is the Centennial Conference Championships next Saturday. The meet will take place both Saturday and Sunday at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa.

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Mules succeed in Bear hunt

Playoff hopes becomes reality

Women win, will host Conferences

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A foot of snow prevented the McDaniel College Green Terror from traveling to Memorial Hall over the weekend, but on Monday night the twice-postponed contest was finally played. The snow-in only gave the Mules extra time to prepare as they ploughed over the Green Terror 81-59, keeping their Centennial Conference playoff hopes alive.

The Mules took off with the lead early in the first half and led by as much as 39 points. The Mules shot 59 percent in the first half as sharp shooting Junior Chris Huber set the tempo by hitting several jumpers early in the contest.

McDaniel made some changes during halftime and came out with a smaller, quicker line-up that was ready to press and run. The Green Terror's plan backfired as the Mules made an early 17-4 run. As the second half progressed, McDaniel continued to try to chip away the lead, but the damage done by the Mules was too extensive.

Starting forwards senior Jimmy O'Brien, junior Tom Scott and jun-

ior Jeff Stewart combined to score 48 points and shoot 71 percent from the field. The trio also scored the first 16 points of the game. Stewart collected his 13th double-double of the season with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Scott and Huber each added 16 points while O'Brien scored 12.

This season, the men's basketball team has struggled on the road. On Wednesday night the road game woes continued as the Mules fell to the Dickinson College Red Devils 73-72. Red Devils' player Brad Litchfield hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Dickinson the last-second win.

The Mules took an early lead and led by as much as 14 points in the first half. The Red Devils fought back all through the second half and took a 70-69 lead off of a lay-up by Litchfield.

O'Brien regained the lead for the Mules by converting a lay-up while getting fouled. O'Brien made the foul shot, putting the Mules up three with 11 seconds left on the clock.

The loss was the Mules' third

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Senior Lacie Smith fends off opponents from Ursinus College while Junior Meghan Courtney waits for the outlet pass in the background.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team, which is ranked 17th in the nation, enjoyed victories the last three games of the regular season.

On Feb. 14, the Mules defeated Dickinson College 74-61. That win tied the College's record for wins in a single season with 21 wins.

Freshman Lauren Boyle finished the game with a career-high 25 points, tying the record set by Junior Meghan Courtney. Senior Kristen Piscadlo also had a season-high of 18 points. Junior Meghan Courtney scored 12 points and had 12 rebounds.

After the win, the Mules were still a half a game out of first place behind John Hopkins University. Two days later, the Mules took the court again, this time against McDaniel College. In the previous five games against the Green Terror, three games were won by two points and two were won in overtime.

With the game tied once and 45.9 seconds left on the clock, Boyle hit both of her free throws to put the Mules up by two points. After playing stunning defense for 29 seconds of the possession, Dickinson traveled with one second on the shot clock.

When the Mules took possession, Boyle was fouled and went to the foul line to shoot a one-and-one. She made the first basket but

missed the second, spurring on McDaniel. The Green Terror ran down the court and got an open three pointer to tie but it hit the rim and missed. The Mules won 64-61 and set a College record of 22 wins.

Courtney led the way with 24 points and eight rebounds. Piscadlo and Boyle both had high scoring days with 14 and 13 points respectively. Piscadlo also had 11 assists in the game to become the College's All-Time assist leader.

To cap off the week and secure

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Senior Jimmy O'Brien drives the ball down the court and away from his Ursinus College opponent.

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Ryan Campbell elected Student Body President

By Justin Gerstley
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

This year's election for Student Body President between Ryan Campbell '08 and Kim Nguyen '07, was decided by 505 votes. Less than one quarter of the Student Body came out for the vote on Monday. Although the election turnout was smaller than last year's, when 675 votes were cast, its increase from the less than 40 votes cast two years ago made this election year an improvement.

After the votes were counted, Campbell was announced as the College's next Student Body President.

Jared Fine '06, current Student Body President, spoke positively about his successor, who has not pre-

viously served on Student Council. Fine said, "[Campbell's] pretty much like me when I first started out. [Campbell's] a really smart kid. I think he will change Student Council for the better and do what he can to help the Student Body."

Campbell is the President of Cardinal Key Society, a position he "extremely enjoy[s] doing." Aside from that, he is a Writing Tutor/Assistant, a peer tutor, a campus tour guide, a campus delegate, a member of the Progressive Students Association and a Muhlenberg Scholar.

Campbell feels he has enough time to handle all of these activities. "One thing I pride myself in is my organization. I am able to balance my time extremely well and continue to be in the top tier

academically. As for next year, I am planning on only registering for three classes, since I'm already ahead in both [of] my majors. This will allow me extra time to delegate to other activities. I want to make the transition as smooth as possible and feel that having that extra time will allow me to do that effectively."

Managing his time well and staying organized is only a part of Campbell's personality. He describes himself as "a social person" and said, "I firmly believe that establishing close relationships within Student Council is absolutely necessary for an effective administration."

"I admire my class council and how they foster these close relationships," said Campbell. "I will bring a more personable relation-



Ryan Campbell was named as the new Student Body President.

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ship to this position. I want to organize events with Student Council, as well as the rest of the Student Body, to facilitate close relation-

ships." Campbell continued, "I

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EMS ranked first in nation

By Jamie Schneider
MANAGING EDITOR

On Feb. 24, five members of Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services (MCEMS) Executive Board left campus for the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Mass. to attend the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference (NCEMSF).

Five hundred college students, representing approximately 80 colleges and universities from across the country, attended the event. They participated in three days of educational workshops which included special programs, social events, networking opportunities and equipment and employment exhibitions.

Members of MCEMS

have been attending NCEMSF for the past three years. Mike Russo '06, Captain of MCEMS, said "NCEMSF is a great bonding experience between our own members and those of other EMS organizations. We gain different perspectives on how other college students run their Emergency Medical Services which allows us to improve MCEMS."

On Friday night Supply Manager Liz Houtsma '08, Secretary Les Polk '08, Second Lieutenant Evan Rubin '07, Social Events Chairman Anthony Russo '09 and Captain Mike Russo '06, competed in the Medtronic EMS Skills Competition. The competi-

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Student Body Association holds town meeting

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

The first annual Town Hall meeting was held on Feb. 28, in the Miller Forum in Moyer Hall to discuss the social life on campus. Members of the Student Body as well as faculty members came out for the event. Jared Fine '06, Student Body President, and Brendan Haney '06, Executive Secretary of Student Council, co-hosted the forum.

The goal of the meeting was to get a handle on where the College stands on social life compared to other schools, but more importantly to discuss what "we" want.

Haney started the meeting saying that social life can be anything from "extra curric-

ular activities, community service, parties and even reading." He added that some consider "hanging out in the room and drinking" a large part of their social life.

Kristen Brophy '07, a member of Student Council, said that the organizations we belong to "define our social network."

Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, defined social life on campus as anything from "community service to artistic activities to hanging out with friends to partying and finally to Greek Life." He said that in "every college campus in America, social life is what you make of it."

Alex Kennedy '09, president of his class, pointed out that there are actually things to do on campus

other than just drinking, making this College different than many others. However, it was brought up at the forum that many events like dances, comedians and bands are very poorly attended. The discussion then turned to why students are not attending these events and what should be done about it.

There was a strong consensus amongst all that attended that first-year students are the majority of students who attended events on the weekends sponsored by the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC). Lisa Harrison '08, a member of Student Council, said that if more upperclassman attend-

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Changes in constitution could lead to a better Student Council

As Americans, we know the importance of a constitution. After all, our country grounds itself in the principles set forth in the US Constitution, and issues such as gay marriage and copyright are constantly questioned against the backdrop of this important document. While changing the Constitution is possible, many shy away from this undertaking, citing it as too monumental a task.

Student Council has no such qualms. Though the constitution underwent major renovations just last year, Council is again proposing a large amount of revisions. This leads us to question what is happening that Council needs to so drastically change their governing document? The Student Body has not staged a protest against unfair governance. The role of each Council Representative remains the same. Why is the body that governs us all inflicting so many changes on its constitution?

"Bylaws are one of those things that you need to follow religiously because you can be reprimanded or even removed from office [if you don't]," said Jared Fine '06, Student Body President. Some of the changes that Council is proposing are simple. Council was expected to arrange the Student Body Meetings for the semester in the first meeting of the year but they had never designated who would spearhead the effort. With the proposed revision, the Executive Secretary is in charge of this project. The Student Body President was supposed to appoint two people to serve on the Board of Trustees Committee for Campus Life but the Board of Trustees Bylaws designated that one of the appointees had to be the Student Body President.

None of the changes appear to be catastrophically large, but rather all are small modifications. Small modifications were already made last year - leading us to question how and in what manner their constitution was originally written. We do commend Student Council for recognizing that in order to better their organization and, in effect, in order to better govern the Student Body, they must start with the document that guides their association. It is our hope that the changes proposed this year will allow for more careful and consistent governance of the Student Body in the future.

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

On behalf of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, I would like to express my appreciation to Brooke Steinhauser '08, Abby Mayerhoff '08 and the other Muhlenberg College students who staged a production of *The Vagina Monologues* on Feb. 17-18 as a benefit for our agency.

Thank you

Our thanks goes out to the cast and crew who put on this moving performance of Eve Ensler's play, as well as the enthusiastic audiences, for supporting our work to eliminate domestic violence and assist abuse victims.

--Pam Russell
Executive Director,
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

To the Editor:

In his article, "Colleges can't play fair," in the Feb. 16 edition of *The Weekly*, John Dunphy says that we must "look for solutions" to what he perceives as an unfair advantage of the "upper" classes in educational opportunities. His solution is to have "greater government support" and "government intervention" at all levels of education. How much intervention does Dunphy want? Should the government also choose your career for you?

Let's face the facts. The current school system in the US was developed during the Industrial Revolution. Its goal was to provide a basic education so that there would be workers to support the industrial complex while earning a decent living for themselves. This system is obsolete and no amount of money is going to fix it. It needs to be reformed.

Schools must reform

One way to reform it is to allow parental and student choice at the early levels of education. There would be a free market of certified private schools that could be geared toward different student interests and abilities.

Parents would receive vouchers to pay for the education of their choice. Less affluent parents could receive a larger portion of tuition based on need (this should interest Dunphy and his notion that communism may be the answer). Schools would be forced to perform well or go out of business. Parents would have more influence with the schools because they could back up their complaints by moving their student to another school.

Most importantly, students would benefit by attending a school that is tailored to his/her abilities or interests. There could be schools geared toward the sciences, arts, social sciences and, possibly, in the higher

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It's not easy being green...um, German

Hans Strömsdörfer
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Why does the bus come at 3:10 p.m. when the schedule says 3:00 p.m.? Do you have anything else other than plastic dishes? What do you mean there is no public transportation? As tacky as it may sound, a trip to another country is always a trip to oneself. By staying at home, one never discovers what it actually means to be American, French or, in my case, German.

We, the children of the twenty-first century, consider ourselves to be "men of the world." We speak several languages; we know more about other cultures than our grandparents did and we think we could easily adapt to any other way of living. Globalization? Here we come!

But it is surprising how much national identity we carry inside of us. It starts with tiny things: I cannot get my favorite brand of chocolates. I do not like the bread. I miss the metric system. Disappointment comes with such small inconveniences.

Now there are two possibilities to get rid of this disappointment: either build up your own little cave and separate yourself from your host country's culture or you look at the situation scientifically and try to find out how this other culture works. This is what I did during the six months I have spent at Muhlenberg College so far.

Step one: Learning. What makes America? What is America? Coming from a country that is highly influenced by US culture via music and TV programs, I did not have to start from scratch. Instead, I personally experienced the excitement of the Demolition Derby as well as the high culture

of the Philadelphia Orchestra. I found out about American family life at Thanksgiving in Lancaster County, Pa. and American commercial life at the Black Friday sale. I went to the Shabbat dinner. I participated in beer-pong orgies, went to a Superbowl party, sweated in the gym. I studied America by "doing."

Step two: Adapting. Adapting is probably the most difficult part. I tried to abandon the triumvirate of German virtues: punctuality, efficiency, austerity. I stopped hurrying to appointments. I even waited at home so that I would not arrive at a party on time. And, surprisingly, the world did not collapse. No longer did I tell people how they could improve things. It worked before, why should I tell them how to do their stuff? I stopped saving money and learned the rule of US commercialism: money has to be spent--it keeps the economy running.

Step three: Reasoning. What lesson have I learned? First of all, it is not easy being German. Many people saw me as being too serious, too stiff, too posh. Indeed, compared to fun-loving Americans, Germans may seem rather earnest at times. During my time at Muhlenberg I had to question many aspects of the German soul. Some I decided to keep, others I decided

to let go.

But one thing is clear: Despite globalization, vanishing borders and unbelievable traveling possibilities, we--you and me--are no "men of the world". We all have our own unique identity, which gives us advantages and disadvantages which we will never discover until we leave our own country. So let's go into the world--and find out!

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Thinking about the "news": the funny factor



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Every now and then after sitting through my political science classes or writing another article on some world event, I feel the need for an entertainment aspect on the world or national issues that I follow. Where do I look when I need a good laugh? Two shows come to mind and usually end up on my television set. Most nights I will elect to watch the increasingly popular *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*, or sometimes when I really feel like laughing I put on *The O'Reilly Factor*.

The Daily Show is on Comedy Central. It markets itself as a parody of other news shows and does well by entertaining its viewers with comedic analysis of the day's top stories. Stewart's witty remarks and portrayals of those in our administration have increased his popularity nationally, so much so that he will be hosting this year's Oscars. *The Daily Show* doesn't take itself seriously and certainly doesn't present itself as being un-biased regarding world events.

Then there's *The O'Reilly Factor* on FOX-News. The show works under the mantra of being "fair and balanced" and not putting a spin on anything. The host, Bill O'Reilly, prides himself on "not deceiving people" and giving the straight facts. Knowing the show promotes itself in this manner and then watching it so obviously go against this principle is what makes it so funny.

O'Reilly has assembled quite a track record of behavior that is discrediting to the profession of journalism and to the idea of being "fair and balanced." He berates his guests if they do not agree with him and has assembled more conservative-angled quotes than Pat Robertson over the years.

When it comes to tearing down his guests, the best example comes from his interview with Jeremy Glick, whose father died in the Sept. 11 attacks. Glick, who signed a petition criticizing the War on Terror and spoke up against our government on the show, was told to "shut up" three times by O'Reilly. Finally, when O'Reilly couldn't stand to listen to Glick on the show, he cut him off and had him kicked off the set. Throughout the course of the interview, O'Reilly also informed Glick what Glick's father believed in, as if O'Reilly knew him better than the man's own son.

O'Reilly is also a big opponent of the "secular progressive movement," which he believes is sweeping across America. He thinks "liberals" are conspiring to end religion in America, and when Stewart's *Daily Show* mocked him, he called Comedy Central the "Secular Network." Then, still harping on this movement he made up in his head, he stated "You want to have two guys making out in front of your four-year-old? It's OK with them...this is exactly what the secular movement stands for." Yes, O'Reilly sounds very tolerant and open-minded to both sides of an issue. How could he tolerate gay people in his America?

The anchor has been quoted as saying that there shouldn't be poor people in America, because anybody could work hard and get a job. That's just yet another "unbiased" view coming from O'Reilly. Then there was the time when he called for any American who spoke out against the war in Iraq to be "sent over to the FBI and put in chains." He does sound fair and balanced, doesn't he?

O'Reilly is entitled to his opinion. I have no problem that he has a forum to voice all his hateful and intolerant ideas. Yet let's not market this as news on a national news network, because it is the furthest thing from news. O'Reilly should be placed on Comedy Central, right after *The Daily Show*. Maybe then one day O'Reilly will get to host the Oscars or at least a chance to make a keynote speech at the next GOP Convention.

It's not easy being Greek, either

Ben Jackson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

The problem with Greek life at the College is that there are misconceptions and widespread false stereotypes permeating the col-

lective minds of the Student Body, parents, alumni and others who are not directly involved in Greek Life. These stereotypes are reinforced through movies and pop culture. People automatically associate drinking and partying with Greek Life, something that is not necessarily true. The average Greek student probably does, on average, party less than the average non-Greek student due to the extra time constraints and responsibilities associated with these organizations. The reasons students join Greek Life are not to "buy friends," since the friends you meet are not usually based in Greek Life but in social life in general, or to party but for a host of other opportunities. Greek Life allows students a chance to be leaders in a small community; in a way it's sort of a microcosm of the advantages that students look for when applying to the College. The networking connections with alumni are very helpful when students are forced to reinvent their lives after Muhlenberg. The added social support that Greek Life affords has been proven to allow students to be more confident, optimistic and happier with life in general.

The combination of these stereotypes and lack of exposure to Greek Life for potential new members because of a lack of public acknowledgment of many community service acts and other deeds for the community has led to a decline in numbers for almost all Greek organizations at the College. First-year students are not allowed to rush Greek organizations because of the College's current policy. This is not necessarily a bad thing since, even as abundant as its opportunities are, Greek Life is not for everyone. Another problem with misconceptions in Greek Life on campus is the limited interactions that first-year students have with Greek organizations. These experiences are usually limited to going to parties thrown by a few of the Greek organizations at the College and they consequently offer a biased picture of Greek Life, which limits demand. It's not that those Greek organizations are setting bad examples or are a poor representation, but every Greek organization is different and some people who fit in at one might feel out of place at another. The moral here is that if we fix our misconceptions and give Greek life the props that it deserves, it will have a prosperous and long-lasting future here. If not, only time will tell their fate.

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Bake sale leaves a bad aftertaste

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WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

"Affirmative Action Bake Sale." The group strived to promote an anti-affirmative action message by pricing their goods based solely on the race of the customer. Ahmirah Cottman, a black woman at Kutztown, was quoted in *The Morning Call* saying, "The sign said \$1 for whites, 25 cents for blacks and women got a 25-cent credit, so they told me, 'Go ahead and take it, it's free for you.'" Although the College Republicans said that they organized the event in hopes to spread the word about the unfairness of affirmative action, many students found the entire bake sale offensive and cruel. Cottman especially got frustrated and defensive, saying, "I got here because I'm bright." Other students felt attacked and, in response, organized a march on Feb. 23, demonstrating their anger towards the administration of Kutztown for allowing the sale to occur. Furthermore, one hundred students of all races and identities protested against the administration for not punishing the organization.

The most horrifying aspect of this bake sale is that it was held during Black History Month, with tables set up in front of the Black History Month display, covering posters of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and other prominent black figures. The president of the university, F. Javier Cevallos, understood the rage, but added that the university must accommodate all political viewpoints and allow a space for free and open statements of ideas and values. To better "relieve" the situation, Cevallos organized a forum this past Tuesday so that students could speak about the admission policies and come to understand that the university does not give any preference based on race.

Cevallos explained that 75 percent of Kutztown students receive some sort of financial aid and most of them are not minorities. Adam LaDuca, the Public Relations Director for the College Republicans, refused to apologize for the bake sale event but said, "As an organization, we don't stand for racism." Another student in the College Republicans explained the unfortunate situation of having the bake sale occur during Black History Month, adding, "The way it all was timed and the location—that was unfortunate. It didn't look good. We didn't mean it to happen that way."

Regardless of intent, the Republicans should have done more research before organizing an event which they should have realized would undoubtedly cause such a stir on campus. Like a similar event that happened at the University of California at Berkeley in 2003, these Kutztown students deserve to be punished by the administration, particularly since they were cited screaming out racial slurs to black students passing by the tables. Although I understand the desire for creating free-speech networks on college campuses, this crosses way beyond the line of "free" by victimizing and attacking other students of the college. As a sign during the Feb. 23 march protested, "Justice Must Be Served!"

Earlier this month, members of Kutztown University's College Republican Club sold cupcakes, brownies and cookies at a club-sponsored

SCHOOLS | FROM PAGE 2 grades, more specific concentration. There could even be schools concentrating in remediation for less gifted students or schools for students where English is a second language.

Once the infrastructure is there and incentives are in place, the possibilities are endless. Where there is a real need or want, the free market will answer with a solution. It's time to truly reform our education system and enter the twenty-first century.

--Dennis Corbo
Montclair, NJ

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Seegers addition nears completion

By Alexis Reznick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As many have noticed from the construction site next to Seegers Union, the building is gaining footage on its north side. On a recent tour, Mike Brewer, Director of Plant Operations, shared the details of the addition's purpose. The addition, which began in Mar. 2005 with underground work and was followed by above ground construction beginning in May of the same year, has added to both the main and lower levels of Seegers

to Seegers offers added space and a few new amenities. Academic Support Services is located on the lower level and the addition adds a lot more room to this area of Seegers. According to Brewer, the addition brings with it "six testing rooms for those who need additional time for test taking." They have also added a copy room, a spacious conference or seminar room and an office which will be occupied by Lori Provost, Health Professions Advisor.

Though the addition will be spacious, Brewer explained, "the cost of con-



The Seegers Addition, which costs 3.4 million dollars, will be completed by Fall 2007.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Union. This addition has provided much needed space in Seegers Union.

The main level boasts several new features. There is a new entrance on the east side of the building near the new addition to Shankweiler, allowing for convenient access from more areas on campus.

Three meeting rooms, including one larger room, are also part of the addition. These rooms can be used as separate conference rooms or the sliding doors can be opened and the space can be converted into one large conference room. Despite the seemingly large number of conference rooms, Brewer said, "You always need more meeting rooms." For presentation purposes, three viewing screens adorn the space and there is a fireplace which is supposed to enhance the decor. There is also an extra storage room for tables and chairs that is attached to the meeting rooms.

The lower level addition

struction and furnishing, including architect fees for the Seegers addition and remodeling is 3.4 million dollars." He also noted that they have kept cost in mind during this project, choosing cost-efficient lights which operate on sensors in order to minimize the energy output. The College has been working with Ballinger, a Philadelphia, Pa. architectural and engineering firm, as the architect and engineer, and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company as the construction manager. Mark Waddell '95 is the project manager for Whiting-Turner.

For now, the addition to the main floor is mostly complete and the College received a certificate of occupancy last Thursday. The lower level is nearly complete as well but the remodeling of the Office of Career Development and Placement and remodeling and expansions of the bathrooms are set to take place this summer.

Prosser door in need of simplex

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Prosser Hall, the largest first-year student dorm on campus, has had its side door propped open, inviting crime. This door faces Walz Hall and has no simplex, so students who leave Walz to visit Prosser must walk to the Seegers side of the building in order to return to their dorm. Amanda Wade '08 says, "I used to always be in Walz Hall and it had always been very annoying to have to walk all the way around just to get back into Prosser. If they installed a simplex on the door, this wouldn't be a big problem." As a result, many students have decided to prop open the side door of Prosser, allowing everyone access to Prosser and violating Campus Codes. Propping the door could result in a three hundred dollar fine.

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Amanda Wade '08

Brian Galgano '08, vice president of his class and a member of the Campus Safety Committee, explained that this problem has been going on "for most of the year." Ken Lupole, Director of the Campus Safety, added that, "The smokers go outside [of Prosser to smoke] and there's no key card [for the side door] so they prop it."

Galgano worries that with the open door, "Anyone can just walk right into the residence hall and gain entry to your room." Lupole agreed adding, "We can't catch who's propping it. We don't have a camera there."

The current system of security involves a silent alarm that goes off whenever the door is propped open. As soon as this alarm

buzzes, Campus Safety sends someone over to close the door.

Students prop this door open for a good portion of the day and often at night. Campus Safety regularly replaces the "Please do not prop" stickers on the front of this door because students tear them down.

Although Resident Advisors close the door whenever they see it propped, Galgano complains that they often find the door "propped open an hour later."

Even though there has been no reported increase in criminal activity since this began, the fact remains that an open door to the largest first-year student dorm on campus produces an unnecessary threat to students. If a student in Prosser does not lock their bedroom door, then strangers are capable of getting into dormrooms and stealing their possessions.

The most likely solution for this problem would be installing a simplex outside of the side door in Prosser. Galgano says that, "I believe it is possible...it may be a matter of cost."

Lupole confirmed this, explaining that "We're looking at the cost." Currently, two of the major doors in Prosser are designated to have access, but due to high usage, "We're looking at putting a third [key card] in Prosser." Lupole added that Brown Hall used to have this problem when there was no simplex on the back entrance.

Lupole imagines that this problem will continue until an additional simplex is added.

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RYAN CAMPBELL

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plan to hold social gatherings in order to get to know everyone and become familiar with the views and positions that Student Council holds close. I plan to fully immerse myself in Council in order to make up for my lack of experience."

Since Campbell was not previously part of Council, he plans to work with Fine to learn what is necessary to run the Student Council meetings.

While Campbell does

want to learn how things are done on campus, there are some things he hopes to change. "Obviously diversity is a big issue on campus. I believe that change is propelled by education. I hope to organize more events on campus that foster education on diversity. Another issue I see as a problem is the general apathy that I see spreading on campus. I will make it my goal to see that the Student Body has the opportunity to become more involved and informed on what is going on."

He continued, "I want to

foster a sense of comfort and closeness. I plan to attend as many activity meetings as possible and continue the sensibility that the previous president has instilled. I do, however, want to concentrate more on the people and my relationships with them."

Campbell plans to change a lot of things in his new position but assures the Student Body that some things will stay the same: "Know that your interests will always be kept in mind and your opinions are valued overall."

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ed the events that take place in Seegers Union, that more first-year students might show up as a result. Harrison also suggested that Student Advisors make an effort to attend more MAC-sponsored events. It was also pointed out that most older students who live off campus do not regularly pass through Seegers and are therefore either unaware of the events or are too lazy to attend them.

Another large issue discussed was the lack of "free" space in which students could just hang out in. Although there is Seegers Union, on most weekend nights the space is found empty. Chris Jachamowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek affairs, said that the "Union should be the living room of the College campus," but the "College has not yet embraced that."

One of the principal topics of the night was the discussion of Greek Life. Rachel Rosenberg '07, Vice-President of Student Council, said that first-year students are missing out on Greek Life and suggested that formal recruitment be moved so that first-year students can participate in the spring because it would "increase their social life." Others at the meeting suggested having relaxed events and activities for first-year

students in order to give them opportunities to meet and talk to upper-classmen in a non-drinking environment.

Brian Galgano '08, vice-president of his class, said "expanding" Greek Life would be "amazing." Jachamowicz was "not opposed to having more, but" said it would be "doing a disservice to the ones that already exist." He said that Greeks are not living up to their potential. Hooker-Haring agreed when he said that it's the "Greek's job to get their name out there" and speak about "all the positive" ways in which they contribute to the campus community life. Alex Corgan '08 said that "one of the great things about Muhlenberg" is that fraternities and sororities aren't the only brotherhood and sisterhoods on campus. As Hooker-Haring said, "students with common interests find each other" and form their own little communities.

He also said that the College can never realistically "crack the code" on social issues but that "you always try" to improve. He said it's a "problem people have to keep working at," and the "new Dean of Students, Karen Green, can help make philosophical decisions." For the future, he suggested that the College "take a step back" and let "students run more of the social life."

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MAJOR DECLARATION ADVISING March 13 - March 20

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It's time to declare your major!**

Major Declaration forms are available from your
First-Year Advisor or the Registrar's Office.

*Look for more information in your campus mailbox
upon your return from Spring Break.*

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 22	High: 37 Low: 18	High: 38 Low: 23

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown Preservation League holds auction

The first auction by the Allentown Preservation League was held on Saturday. About 100 people attended the auction on Saturday and about 120 came on Sunday. About ten percent were dealers while the rest of the people were looking at items to buy for their homes.

Many of the items are historic and eccentric. The auction featured light fixtures, door knobs and bird houses.

The group wanted to raise 3000 to 4000 dollars. They need more resources to continue running their auction. The organization is also opening up a space on 1319 W. Linden Street and will be open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The League is trying to raise money to save Jefferson and Jackson Elementary Schools from being knocked down.

Doctors fear shortage of flu vaccine

Doctors in the area are worried that flu vaccines for next year will run out too quickly. If they run out, patients will have to be sent to department, drug or grocery stores to get their vaccines. This year, the 50 million vaccines, made by Sanofi Pasteur, ran out before the at risk groups could be completely vaccinated. Doctors are going to try to better distribute the vaccine next year.

Sanofi, along with other manufacturers of the vaccine, will up production to the maximum. Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network reserved 20,000 doses from Sanofi and 5,600 from GlaxoSmithKline, which is the same amount ordered at large flu shot clinics. St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network ordered ten percent more for the 2006-07.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Exonerated prisoner speaks at the College

By Liz Faughnan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, Ray Krone never questioned authority or the rules that accompanied it. Active in sports until his graduation from high school in 1974, Krone then joined the Air Force and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he began working at a post office. He was comfortable with his career and place in life.

In late Dec. 1991, Krone was approached by homicide detectives from the Phoenix Police Department. He was brought downtown and interrogated for three hours about the recent murder of a waitress at one of the local bars. Krone was a somewhat regular customer at the bar, but barely remembered the woman in question. Being, by his own account, "naïve and stupid," Krone thought the continued questioning and presentation of search warrants were just part of the procedure. He assumed he would be quickly eliminated as a suspect, when in fact his ordeal with the law had just begun.

On Dec. 31, Krone was arrested for the murder of the waitress. Again, Krone assumed he would soon be let go but was again proven wrong. According to the prosecutor, there was one piece of substantial evidence that could be used in the case. A bite-mark expert said that the bite-mark found on the woman matched Krone's bite-mark, allegedly making him guilty of rape and murder. With that evidence alone, the jury, who deliberated for three and a half hours, delivered a verdict of guilty on both counts of murder and kidnapping. Four months later, Krone was sentenced to the death penalty.

Krone's time on death row was a time he will never forget. He received three showers a week and two phone calls a month. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays were considered recreation days and for two hours on those days he was allowed outdoors in a small, chained-in areas. According to Krone, "It was heaven to see the sun, the sky, just to be outside for two hours." Krone would not let this awful turn in his life get the

best of him. He decided early on that he would never give up. He decided to take charge of his fate. Krone started going to the law library and became a legal assistant for other inmates. He also reacquainted himself with his Lutheran faith and read the Bible three times.

Two and a half years passed until Krone was able to get another trial based on the lack of evidence in the previous trial. His family mortgaged their house and his parents gave up their retirement plans in order to get him a better attorney. The second trial lasted six and a half weeks.

This time the jury was out for three and a half days, but again the verdict was guilty. His new sentencing was less, however, and Krone received twenty-five years to life for murder and another twenty-one years for kidnapping.

The state of Arizona passed a law right after his trial, making it easier to receive DNA testing for inmates. Blood on the victim's pants that had never

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tion included three separate stations: medical emergency, traumatic injury and team work. Each tested the participants' knowledge and application of skills necessary in treating patients and working together as a cohesive team. At each station, three medical professionals scored the competition using a rubric. At the awards presentation, it was announced that MCEMS placed first in the nation in the skills competition.

When asked about his time with NCEMSF, Polk said, "It was a really good

experience to practice using skills and techniques that we don't always have an opportunity to use on campus and it was also good to receive confirmation that we are very proficient in what we do, especially when compared to other high quality programs."

After the news reached campus, Adam Cotugno '08, a member of MCEMS, said, "It's great to know that the MCEMS squad is well trained and it makes me proud to be part of the organization. It's also fulfilling to know I am receiving training from the squad that ranked first in the nation in skill evaluation."



EMS students celebrated their win at the Medtronic EMS Skills Competition.

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EXTRA!! EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

(READING, THAT IS...)

**Muhlenberg's Self-Study for the College's Re-Accreditation
is now complete and may be accessed online from
the College Start Page by clicking on:**

Middle States Self-Study Process

**Copies of the Self-Study are also available
at the Circulation Desk in Trexler Library.**

The Middle States Evaluation Team will be on campus March 19-22

RAY KRONE

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been tested before was finally looked at and it was found that the DNA did not match Krone's, but matched that of a man who was already in jail for the sexual assault of a fifteen year-old. Ten years, three months and eight days after his arrest, Krone was exonerated and became the hundredth person in Arizona to be sentenced to death and then be exonerated.

When asked by a reporter how he felt about losing ten years of his life, Krone said, "Maybe it's not the ten years I spent in prison, it's about the next ten years."

Krone is now traveling and speaking around the country. In his talk, he spoke about the importance of questioning and fixing the wrongs in society, including the faults of the legal system.

Krone spoke of the detrimental effects of inaction and how it is important to stand strong and unite for a cause just like his family and friends did. Rev. Peter Bredlau, the College Chaplain, said that Krone "brings an experiential perspective to the American justice system and reminds us how important it is to be vigilant about injustice."

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Mon., Feb. 27, the College hosted an afternoon of physical activity and socializing in support of National Women and Girls in Sports Day. The event, held in the Life Sports Center, gave local girls a chance to encounter a variety of sports and meet female athletes from the College. The day consisted of two parts: an hour of sports-related activities and another hour of socializing.

National Women and Girls in Sports Day was first established in 1987 in remembrance of Olympian Flo Hyman. Hyman was an influential figure in the fight to obtain equality for women in the field of sports. She died in 1986 from Marfan Syndrome. Marfan Syndrome is a connective tissue disorder that affects a person's bones, ligaments, eyes, heart and lungs. It tends to infect tall, lanky people, like Hyman. Other characteristics of the disease are long arms and fingers, deformities of the breastbone and near-sightedness.

The purpose of the National Women and Girls in Sports Day has been to give tribute to great feats made by women in sports. It has also become a day to encourage greater strides to be made by future generations of girls in sports.

The College's acknowledgement of this nationally recognized day focused on encouraging local girls to become physically active. The day was jointly sponsored by the Office of Community Service and the Department of Athletics, with the Office of Community Service providing transportation for the participants to the Life Sports Center.

The Department of Athletics ran the programs, in which approximately forty middle school- and high school-aged girls participated. They came from a variety of organizations including Community Bikeworks, Casa Guadeloupe, Caring Place, Saint Luke's Hospital and the Sixth Street Center.



Maura Hendsey '08 plays catch with a girl during Women and Girls in Sports Day.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Jenny Warmack-Chipman, Assistant Athletic Director, described the day as "a way in which girls have the opportunity to be exposed to sports that they would otherwise not be able to learn about." Nine stations were set up around the Life Sports Center including volleyball, basketball, rugby, track and field, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, softball and field hockey. Over the course of an hour the girls rotated through the different stations. Each station was operated by College athletes who taught the girls about each of the different sports. Softball player Kailyn Bloom '08 said, "It's not bad to give up a little of your day to have an affect on someone else's. We gave these girls opportunities to learn about sports that they might not have received if it wasn't for us."

After being given a chance to experience and learn about each of the different sports, the girls were brought to The Red Door for yogurt sundaes. Here, they were encouraged to socialize and speak about the experiences they had that afternoon. Warmack-Chapman described an important component of the day: "This is the second year we have done this and the feedback we have received has always been positive. It is an event that allows the girls to meet and mingle with college students and encourages them to express themselves."

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20 - Theft - A student living on Gordon Street reported money missing from her room. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 21 - Sick Student - A student in Walz Hall ingested too many prescription medications from the Health Center and was taken to the hospital.

Feb. 21 - Larceny/Theft - Money was taken from two Coke machines in the basement of Moyer Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student cooking set off the smoke detector in the Keck House.

Feb. 21 - Liquor Law - A campus organization had an off-campus party where alcohol was provided to minors. The matter is still

under investigation.

Feb. 22 - Injured Student - Two students were fighting and one was hit in the mouth. EMS and the Health Center were notified. The victim refused to go to the hospital.

Feb. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - Plant Operations Personnel replaced the smoke detectors in Prosser Hall. This caused the fire alarms to go off.

Feb. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student's hair dryer set off the fire alarm on 2214 Chew Street.

Feb. 23 - Suspicious Person - A man in a ski mask sat in his car outside of Tremont Apartments for several hours. When investigated, it was found that the man was

a non-campus Security Personnel.

Feb. 23 - Underage Alcohol - An underage student in Martin Luther Hall was found leaving his room with beer cans. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The pull station in East Hall was activated and the fire alarm went off. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 24 - Larceny/Theft - A student reported having her purse stolen while at Main Gate. Inside the purse were her keys, her I.D., her credit cards, 60 dollars, her camera, her cell phone and her driver's license. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 24 - Vehicle Violation - An individual's vehicle was

booted for being parked in the Center of the Arts parking lot. It had accumulated tickets totaling 810 dollars.

Feb. 24 - Suspicious Activity - Individuals were found stealing food from dining services.

Feb. 24 - Drug Possession - A room in Tremont Apartments had both a marijuana pipe and a container filled with marijuana. The individuals responsible were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Underage Alcohol - Several beer cans and rum were found in a room in Martin Luther Hall. The individuals responsible were underage and were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 25 - Sick Student - A student was found sick in

Prosser Hall. EMS and the Health Center were notified. The individual refused to be taken to the hospital.

Feb. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm in East Hall went off because of burnt popcorn.

Feb. 26 - Injured Student - A student living on 2145 Chew Street slipped and hit their head in the bathroom. EMS was notified.

Feb. 26 - Trespassing - A Campus Safety officer found five males skateboarding on campus and advised them to leave.

Feb. 26 - Sick Student - A student in Robertson Hall reported sores in her mouth. EMS and the Health Center were notified but the individual refused to be transported to the hospital.

Life!

"The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own. You don't blame them on your mother, the ecology or the President. You realize that you control your own destiny."

- Albert Ellis

Big Love bathes audience in hyperbolic situations and surrealism

By Jackie Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The premise of *Big Love*, which showed in Baker Theatre during February 23-26, seems far-fetched: 50 Grecian brides, all sisters, marrying 50 Grecian grooms, who are also their cousins. However, the plot ultimately works because the hyperbole continues throughout the play.

The play begins with Lydia, played by Brigitte Choura '07, one of the fleeing Grecian brides, climbing over a railing, undressing and sprawling half-naked in a bathtub. Soon the other brides, Olympia, played by Erin O'Connor '08, and Thyona, played by Becca Schneider '06, enter. Together the brides, who fled their weddings in Greece by ship, ask Piero, whose balcony they have landed on in Italy, for asylum.

The brides display their distinct personalities as they tell their story to Piero, played by K.C. Cvitanov '06 and Bella, Piero's mother, played by Elizabeth Wasser '08.

Lydia cares deeply for others and is prone to long rambles, while her sister Olympia is still a spoiled child, and Thyona is a sarcastic pessimist. Schneider delivered Thyona's sarcasm expertly and had the audience laughing at her funny yet slightly unsettling remarks. For example, she tells Olympia that she will "sew [her] legs to the bed, pour

gasoline on [her] and light [her] on fire" to keep her from marrying.

O'Connor convincingly portrayed the whiny Olympia, a girl at once charming and annoying in her childishness. In the beginning of the play, Olympia seemed like a one-dimensional caricature; however, later events revealed the complexities in her character.

As Lydia gives a rambling monologue about love, the sounds of a helicopter drown out her speech, and the three grooms Nikos, Constantine and Oed, played by Blaine McFeeley '08, Robert J. Wagner '07 and Zachary Chiero '09, respectively, parachute onto the balcony. There are no comments made on their fantastic entrance because such events are normal in the hyperbolic world of the play.

As the grooms confront the brides, Constantine immediately asserts himself as the alpha-male. He approaches Thyona, his betrothed, and his manner is so powerful that when he grabs her arm, we feel as if he has raped her. As the grooms meet with Piero, the brides begin a dance in which they throw themselves on the ground. Although the exaggerated movement fit the hyperbolic theme of the play, it didn't seem to naturally develop. Instead, the brides began their sequence of jumps and drops suddenly and, just as jarringly, finished.

(The grooms also performed a



Olympia (Erin O'Connor '08) and Lydia (Brigitte Choura '07) from *Big Love* discuss their arranged marriages.

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similar scene which seemed equally out of place.)

Constantine refuses to make a deal with Piero and insists that all 50 weddings take place as planned. Once all the brides have met their grooms, the bloodshed begins as a result of Thyona's pact.

She had the brides promise to kill their husbands on their wedding night. As brides are snapping grooms' necks, electrocuting them with toasters, shooting them, throwing them off of balconies and slam-

ming their heads against bathtubs, the play becomes surreal.

While these murders were grotesque they were also darkly funny. Eventually, all the grooms are slain except for Nikos, Lydia's husband. Lydia failed to kill him because she came to love him, and Thyona, furious with her sister, accuses Lydia of treason.

A mock trial ensues, presided over by Judge Bella, Piero's mother.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE STRANGEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU AT MUHLENBERG?



"Well...there was this one time a squirrel chased me."

- Peter Cogswell '09



"My roommate getting sprayed by a skunk outside of Benfer."

- Will Atallah '06



"Seeing someone running past me naked on Academic Row."

- Kate Conrad '08



"Witnessing a chair throwing brawl while eating a bagel bomber in GQ."

- Allie O'Connor '07



"My office turning into a funeral when I turned a half century old."

- Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Riding the waves: don't let this Spring Break leave you in the surf

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Spring Break is here and not a moment too soon. A whole week away from tests, papers, professors and Allentown, Pa.! Whatever your Spring Break plans may be, don't forget that what you do one night in Acapulco, Mexico could ruin the rest of your semester or the rest of your life at the College. Here are some tips that will ensure that you will have a fun and safe vacation.

1. For God's sake, use protection.

You may have gotten traveler's insurance, but this doesn't cover chlamydia or pregnancy. You are in a strange place with only a handful of people you know. Before you get in the car or on a plane, stop off and buy some condoms.

Whether you are male or female is irrelevant. If you are expecting the other person to bring the condoms, you are gambling with your genitals. Buy them yourself, hold on to them in a safe place and don't puncture them. Ladies, don't forget the birth control at home!

2. Stay with your group.

Sure, it sounds awesome to go to an after party at the Shady Motel with 15 strangers who all smell like old cigarettes. But is it? If you do choose to go off with people you meet on Spring Break, take someone with you. This doesn't mean inform someone where you are going. This means make sure another human being who you really know is with you so that you don't get kidnapped and sold into slavery or worse.

You could get murdered and raped--in that order. These strangers have no ties to you and care little to nothing about your safety and well-being. The friends you came with are far more likely to help you in a tricky situation than some guy you met in a bar.

3. Lasting love is not found on Spring Break.

You shared daiquiris by the pool all day. You frolicked

on the beach together all night. Then you made love in the surf. Next thing you know, you are waking up in a sand dune next to your jacket, and your shoes and wallet are gone. Everyone's prime objective for Spring Break is to hook-up--plain and simple. You might meet a nice girl or guy, but in the end, they don't want to know your last name or anything about you. They don't want to be friends on Facebook. They just want to get their piece and then peace.

If you are going to hook up on vacation, keep it light. Don't set yourself up for heartbreak. While I am not saying go out and have anonymous sex with everyone on your hotel floor, I am saying go out and have fun. Just don't get caught up in the waves.

4. Don't cheat on your significant other.

You may think you are anonymous among the crowds so no one cares if you bang some other guy or girl in a restaurant bathroom. Who would care? Your girlfriend or boyfriend, that's who! First of all, don't throw away a good relationship for one night of passion with a stranger. You have worked too hard for too long with your significant other just to toss your relationship out the window.

Secondly, this world is not small and karma is a bitch. How do you know you are not hooking up with your boyfriend's best friend from home? Or your girlfriend's little sister?

Lastly, the hardest thing about knowing a secret is keeping it. You know that common saying, "Whatever happens in (blank), stays in (blank)." You know that never works! You may trust yourself, but can you trust the people you are with not to go blabbing to all their friends or your girl/boyfriend?

Keep it in your pants/panties for one week until you get home. Come back clean and safe to tell your wild tales of fun! Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!



Let Buca Di Beppo welcome you into their Italian family

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

Are you in the mood for a little authentic Italian cooking? I'm not talking about Carrabas Italian Grill; I'm talking about Buca Di Beppo. If you have neither heard of this chain nor been to it, I highly recommend grabbing a bunch of friends or family and heading over there for some great family-style Italian food.

Conveniently located on Grape Street, right by the Lehigh Valley Mall, it can get extremely crowded on weekends and weekdays, so reservations are highly recommended. When you first walk in, the friendly staff greets you at the door. On the way to your table, they take you for a tour through the kitchen and give you a little history of the restaurant chain.

Booths are available in the kitchen if you would like to experience the cooking atmosphere while eating. All of the food is made from Italian family recipes that have been passed down generation after generation.

The menu is quite extensive, offering antipastis, salads, pastas, pizzas, meat, seafood and desserts. You are likely to find something for everyone will enjoy. All of the dishes are meant to be shared. There are two different dish sizes: small, which can be shared by two or more people, and large, which can be shared by four or more people. Even though you share, you won't leave hungry.

Some popular appetizers are the fried calamari and the pan-fried mozzarella, which is giant mozzarella sticks. The bruschetta is popular as well. Best of all Buca Di Beppo's offers a never ending pasta list. Some good dishes are baked ravioli, fettuccine alfredo with grilled chicken and broccoli, meat-filled tortellini and manicotti.

For seafood lovers, I highly recommend the linguini frutti di mare. This pasta dish with shrimp, mussels, clams and calamari is very good. Great chicken dishes include the lemon chicken and the ever-popular chicken parmigiana. They also have vegetarian items such as egg-

plant parmigiana and many types of pasta with different sauces.

Buca di Beppo has great side dishes. The meatballs will probably be the largest ones you have ever seen. In this frequently ordered dish each meatball is half a pound.

For those few who saved room for dessert, Buca di Beppo has great cheesecake and tiramisu. Keep in mind that all of the dishes are meant to be shared so get something that everyone will like.

The dishes are reasonably priced; each one is between 12 and 25 dollars and feeds more than one person. With the very inviting atmosphere and friendly staff, you will be sure to enjoy your dining experience.

If you're not in the mood to go out to eat, Buca Di Beppo offers take-out services with food just as good and portions just as big.

So, if you and your friends or family are in the mood for Italian food and trying something new, try Buca Di Beppo. The authentic Italian food and atmosphere will make you feel right at home.

AMC Weekend Listings



Curious George

Fri. 5:00, 7:10
Sat. 2:45, 5:00, 7:10
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:10

Pink Panther

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:40, 7:40

Final Destination 3

Fri. 9:30
Sat. 9:30

Doogal

Fri. 6:00
Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 6:00
Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 6:00

Aquamarine

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Firewall

Fri. 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 8:00

Date Movie

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Eight Below

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Imaginary Cuckold may depict illusions of deceit, but the laughs evoked are anything but fake

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

Opening nights usually yield the largest audiences and, on Friday night, the audience of *The Imaginary Cuckold* was overflowing its black box limits.

The stage was set up in a semi-circle formation with three different colored doors decorating its outer boundaries. These doors would serve as the portals of entrance and exit for the characters.

The Imaginary Cuckold began with Celie, played by Rosalind Newsholme '07, professing her love for her betrothed, Lelie, played by Gregory Paradis '09. However, for a long time Lelie has been abroad and has not contacted Celie so she begins to wonder whether he plans on coming back. Her father, played by Phil Lakin, '09, arranges for her to marry a different man in Lelie's absence.

Celie struggles with the idea of betraying her love by marrying another and due to this conflict, the main themes of faithfulness versus unfaithfulness and betrayal versus loyalty spring up.

From there, a twisted and tangled love triangle between two couples forms. Celie swoons and Sganarelle, played by Robert Grimm '09, is fetched to help carry her home. His ever-watchful wife sees him sweeping Celie into his arms, and not knowing the situation, abruptly accuses him of cheating on her.

A locket picture of Lelie, accidentally left by the fainting Celie, is picked up by Martine, the jealous wife, played by Jean-Marie Stodolski '07. When Sganarelle finds his wife with the picture of Lelie he believes she is cheating as well.

Lelie finally comes home when he hears of

Celie's upcoming marriage and is confronted by Sganarelle. From that point, chaos and confusion dominate the story. As audience members, we are privileged to the inner thoughts, assumptions and accusations that are swirling around in their

heads.

Grimm portrayed Sganarelle's scattered, circular thoughts by pacing and running around the stage. His facial expressions and bodily postures helped to convey the obsessive and impulsive thoughts of revenge and confrontation.

Paradis depicted Lelie as a flamboyant Shirley Temple-haired man, who enjoys his male beauty and primping his golden, curly locks. Both Grimm's and Paradis's interpretations of their characters were right on target, eliciting much laughter and applause from the humored audience.

And although the characters were perhaps a little overacted, the exaggerated portrayals seemed to echo the flamboyant and excessive nature of the time setting. Wigs, full hoop skirts, men in powder with beauty marks, knickers and curls marked the era. Why shouldn't those who play characters in a physically flamboyant period in time just act flamboyant?

The three women played equally dynamic roles, interpreting their characters as much as they could. However, it was apparent that certain characters had more substance to work with than others. Newsholme's character was meek and mild except for one heated outburst. Stodolski's character was a confrontational woman who liked to speak her mind. Lisette, played by Melinda Gross '09, was a flirtatious mediator who eventually brought the black box to its detangled and understanding ending. These women, with their varied portrayal of character and interpretation, gave the special production a balanced feel.



The cast of *The Imaginary Cuckold* match up with their "cheating" partners.

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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

Normally everyone is used to your high maintenance ways, but even you have been pushing it a little too far this week. It's time to give those who love you a break. Stress from dealing with that group or class that has really been pissing you off needs to be dealt with on your own, or discussed minimally with everyone else. You need to stop complaining and take action to change the way things are going in your life.

Taurus

You know that lifelong friend who has always been there for you? Well s/he needs a little more attention. Things have gotten busy and you've been a little less than attentive. Not that you're being a bad friend, but s/he would really like you to stop and offer an ear for a little bit. Make him/her feel special and let him/her know how much you appreciate him/her and be there the way s/he has always been there for you.

Gemini

Work on making your own way. You've been doing what everyone else has been doing or what they want you to do. Time to break out of that box! Your real desires are so far from what everyone else wants and so original that if you let everyone persuade you in another direction you'll regret it later. Not to mention in the end everyone else will be missing out on an amazing side of you! So go wild and see where you end up.

Cancer

As you know, Black History Month was last month! Well...maybe you didn't know. You have slacked off a little in world events lately. Then again, you are reading the paper...or a paper...so that's good. Try to expand yourself a little more and catch up on what's been going on in the world or annual things like Black History Month. Learn a new fact or even a few! Another little hint for you too...the Olympics were last week.

Leo

When you're happy everyone's happy! You just have one of those personalities that lights up a room and a face that makes everyone smile. Lately you've been feeling pretty darn good and it's only going to get better. So go out and spread your joy because this weekend, joyful you will be. Remember karma--the more you do for others the more you'll get back in return.

Virgo

There is a time to ask for help and a time to keep things to yourself. Now is a time where you want to keep that kind of delicate situation under wraps. Don't talk about it with others just yet--there are still aspects of the situation that have yet to come out and, until it all unfolds, it's best not to react. Once you have all the information then talk about it with those involved.

Libra

This weekend, stay in. Not because you need to watch out for anything but just because your mental health might improve with it. Being a social person, you aren't prone to taking a weekend to yourself but a little time to mull over things that happened this past week would do you good. Practice being happy alone and being able to make yourself happy, not waiting for someone else to do it for you.

Scorpio

You're selling yourself short and holding yourself back from all you can be, cheesy as it might sound. Try some new things this weekend or make plans to do something crazy over break! Let your emotions run wild and go with your gut instincts. Go with the flow of things and you can't go wrong. Something good will be heading your way as long as you keep yourself open to receiving it.

Sagittarius

Material goods have taken a little too much control over your life right now. Try to enrich your emotional and spiritual side soon. It is important to maintain some kind of balance between the two. If you've felt a little out of control lately it might help you to find a place to start fixing things if not solve your issues completely. Find something enriching that will last for awhile too, because this will be no quick fix.

Capricorn

Generosity and excess are a dangerous combination--one you put together too often. Granted it takes a special kind of person to do it anytime, much less as much as you do. Make sure you don't get taken advantage of. Make sure people appreciate what you're doing, and that they're not just taking you for granted. Remember to spoil yourself too, you deserve it! Spoil yourself because you deserve it.

Aquarius

With so many things to love and indulge in, why aren't you taking advantage of any of them? You hold yourself back way too much and now is the time to stop! Find something you love or have always wanted to love and do it or try it or just go for it! Let yourself go, spoil yourself with the good things. Savor some thing this weekend and it will be an experience that you will never forget.

Pisces

So your life is about to fall to pieces Pisces--well at least this weekend it is. Haha...I mean, it's really too bad and all considering what a good week you've had. But all good things must come to an end. Things will be bad, then worse and you'll have tons of conflicts with everyone, but on the bright side it's only for a weekend. Get through it and you'll be okay.

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Bella, portrayed compellingly by Wasser, is the quintessential Italian mother and the voice of reason in the play. She rules that the brides were justified for killing their husbands because no one would help them: "You women made your own laws because you had no others to protect you."

Olympia, whose innocence is marred by the murder, says, "I felt like I was following orders in a way," which may be a subtle reference to the Holocaust. The events of the play in some ways mirror Nazi Germany because Thyona, as dictator, orders the brides to kill their husbands, and the brides, persuaded by her reasoning, kill needlessly.

Lydia did not object to the pact

when it was made because she could not rationally object to Thyona's argument. However, Lydia changes her mind because she must "go with [her] whole being, not just rational unaffected by emotion. Bella rules that Lydia is not guilty of treason because "love trumps all." Lydia chose love over violence, these being the paradoxical forces in the play.

Though some of the dancing and singing seemed out of place and the surrealism absurd, the play leaves the audience satisfied by the end. It examines the nature of love and violence and how they coexist; Constantine asks how a man can kill in battle then be expected to abandon these impulses at home. *Big Love* explores what Constantine explores in his monologue "the truth of how it is to live on earth."

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The Imaginary Cuckold began with a puppeteer, played by Matt Giampietro '08, symbolically controlling the actions of the characters with strings. His role becomes more clear throughout the one-act as fate and circumstances make each situation worse.

A cuckold is defined as a man married to an unfaithful wife who is usually shamed by parading around the town with horns on his forehead; hence, the origin of the modern word "horny" becomes apparent.

Hence the title, *The Imaginary Cuckold*, clearly indicating that the conceptions of unfaithfulness and betrayal were all figments of their imaginations created out of circumstantial evidence.

The director, KC Colcord '06, leaves the audience with some provoking words. "The most interesting thing I have found is that the source of our laughter is more often than not the tragedy of life." Colcord's words strike true. "If we are to survive the rages of life we must laugh at something, even if--no, especially if--that thing is ourselves."



Jean-Marie Stoldoski '07, Melinda Gross '09 and Rosalind Newsholme '07 dress in period-appropriate costume.

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Passionate and fundamental

Mule Profile: Stephanie Coluccini

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The kind of player a coach looks for is someone dependable, fundamental and passionate. In the Centennial Conference Championship game last Sunday against Johns Hopkins University, Senior Stephanie Coluccini was just that.

In the Mules' five-point win, which gave them the first Conference Championship in eight years, Coluccini wore her hole-filled American flag socks when she grabbed 11 rebounds. She also went 5-for-6 from both the foul line and the field to score 15 points. She has worn the socks every game since the first Johns Hopkins loss, 22 games ago.

The fifth double-double of her career proved instrumental to the win as she scored when the team needed a basket--she hit a baseline jumper with less than five minutes remaining to put the Mules up by one. Also, her 11 rebounds accounted for a quarter of the Mules' total rebounds (42). The Championship is her fondest basketball memory. "For the seniors, it was the accumulation of four years of hard work."

Coluccini's confidence filters throughout the team. "She's comforting, yet intense," said Lauren Boyle. "I might be a hypocrite for saying that, but it describes her presence in the game perfectly."

Coluccini, who was elected Captain by her teammates, leads without knowing she does so. "I forget that I'm a Captain until we go into the circle before game starts," said Coluccini, who joins the Captain's circle along with Seniors Lacie Smith and Kristen Piscadlo. "Every person on the team has a great understanding of leadership--especially the seniors."

With the win, Coluccini joined the other six seniors to become the winningest class in the College's history with 72 wins over the past four years, surpassing the 71 wins posted by the class of 2004.

A graduate from John Jay High School in Cross River, NY and a resident of South Salem, NY, Coluccini was active in sports before she came to the College. While captaining both her basketball and soccer teams her final year, she was named to the First Team All-Sectional in both sports and her soccer team won the Sectional Championship. Coluccini credits part of her success to her family's support throughout



Senior co-Captain Stephanie Coluccini shows her impressive might on and off the court.

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high school and college. "I really appreciate the support from my parents since my brother also plays in college and they have to split their time," said Coluccini. Coluccini's brother, Pete, is a sophomore starter for Syracuse University's highly respected Division I lacrosse team and was named Player of the Game in his first collegiate start last Saturday. "I admire my brother because he worked so hard to get on his team," said Coluccini. "He puts up with the most vigorous athletic and academic schedule I could ever imagine."

Coluccini has quite a full plate as well. Her self-motivated and independent character allowed her to branch away from the athletic scene into many activities around campus. Majoring in Communications and minoring in Business Administration, Coluccini is the Events Planner for the Cardinal Key Society and used to be the Events planner for the Muhlenberg

Activities Council. The past two years, people heard her voice on WMUH in the Public Service Announcements. She also contributed in various activities in Athletes Across America, a group that the women's basketball team began two years ago. Because of her presence off of the court, she was chosen to host Mr. Muhlenberg in 2005.

Summers brought no break, either. Interning in Radio and Video promotions at Columbia and Universal Records the past two summers, Coluccini gained experience in the communication field and its industry. When talking about her post-College plans, she said, "I hope to be doing something in the music industry."

Coluccini credits her team for how much she enjoyed college. "We have had the most amazing memories the past four years," said Coluccini. After fumbling for her favorite memory, she finally said, "We are a family."

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Cinderella season comes to an end

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

On the weekend of Feb. 6, the Mules had an impressive 6-4 win over the previously undefeated University of Scranton. This last weekend, however, the Mules were not able to repeat their previous performance. They fell, 9-8, to Scranton in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) Division II Playoffs semifinals.

The Mules put forth a valiant effort; they were up by three points at two different times during the game. The Mules also held the lead entering both the first and third periods.

During the first period a power play by Sophomore Brian Veltkamp, Freshman Craig Marone and Junior Captain Peter Palomaki resulted in a goal by Palomaki. Palomaki then followed this power play goal by scoring another goal off of an assist by Freshman Geoff Kelleman. Also scoring in this half was Sophomore Jarett Haring, shot the puck in the net off of an assist by Sophomore Jonathan Kliever. Veltkamp also scored.

The second period had one goal by Freshman Robbie Janowitz. The third period featured another goal by Veltkamp and a goal by Kelleman off of a power play with Janowitz and Freshman David Mazzola. Junior goalie Rob

Brennan saved 41 of 50 shots.

"I just started playing again this season," said Brennan. "During this semester, the team caught on fire with confidence. Scranton was undefeated until we beat them the first time. Not only did we beat them, but we won three games and tied one, which put us into the playoffs."

Brennan says that the team's loss against Scranton this past weekend was a disappointment to the team. "The game came down to the wire in the final five minutes of the third period. A

lot of guys want to blame the team's loss on the referee because we feel that a lot of bad calls were made. Our discouragement might have made us not work as hard to win during the last part of the game."

While the official season for the Mules has ended, Brennan feels that overall the team has come a long way from where it stood at the beginning of the season.

"At the beginning of the semester, we had absolutely no hope of making playoffs. During

the course of the season we began to believe in ourselves and see that we could accomplish great feats if we put our minds to it. We are not the same team we were in the beginning of the year. Our team is young, fast and talented. The team should improve even more next year as we hope to gain even more young players. We have no doubt that we could be the best team in the league. Maybe this season wasn't the season for us to take it all, but we are getting there."

The hockey team has one final game when they play in the DVCHC Division II All-Star Game at the NE Skate Zone. Brennan will join five of his fellow teammates: three forwards and two defensemen are to play in this game. The action begins at 2:40 p.m. on Mar. 11.



The Ice Hockey team, shown here with past players during the 2005 alumni game, finished their season with a 8-6-2 record overall.

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WOMEN

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Boyle led all scorers with 16 points and Senior Stephanie Coluccini notched her first double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Boyle was also named Player of the Week since she was the top scorer in both games.

The Mules were then assigned to Fredericksburg, Va. for the first-round game of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

On Fri. Mar. 3 at 4:00 p.m., they will face Wesleyan College (Conn.), whose record is 18-7. Wesleyan beat Williams College, who is ranked 20th in the nation according to d3hoops.com. They also took number six Bowdoin to overtime.

The winner of the game will take on the winner of Mary Washington College, who hosts the pod of four teams, and The College of New Jersey. Mary Washington is ranked fourth in Division III according to d3hoops.com.

Mary Washington is predicted to continue to the Sweet Sixteen. If the Mules win their game against Wesleyan, they will face them on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. WMUH will broadcast the games.



Senior Tiffany Kirk looks for an open teammate during Sunday's Championship game against Johns Hopkins University.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Mules fall short to Shoremen

By Lacie Smith
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A Senior Night win against Ursinus College gave the Mules the fifth and final place in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

On Wednesday night, the Mules traveled to Maryland to face the Washington

College Shoremen.

The teams split during the regular season, making the match-up a best-of-three, winner-takes-all contest. For the second game in a row, the Mules had to play without standout Junior Jeff Stewart, who averages 19 points and ten rebounds a game. In hopes of advancing to Saturday's play, the Mules

came out with intensity and jumped out to an early lead. In the first half, they shot an impressive 56.7 percent from the field and scored the final four points before halftime, giving them a 42-38 lead.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules maintained the lead, until the Shoremen made a 10-0 run with six minutes remaining in the game to take a 72-67 lead. The Mules battled back and closed the gap within one point. However, a three-point play and a shot from behind the arc put Washington back on top by six points with only three minutes remaining.

With a minute to go, the Mules came within four points on a three-pointer by Junior Chris Pothering, but that was the closest they would get for the rest of the game.

The final three-pointer by Pothering tied the team record of 169 three-pointers, which was made last year. Junior sharp shooter Chris Huber was only two three-pointers shy of the College record. He finished the year with 63 total three-pointers.

Huber scored 18 of his team-high 20 points in the first half. In his last college basketball game, Senior Jimmy O'Brien recorded 14 points. Sidelined with an injury, Junior Chris Strachan had to watch his team and his best friend O'Brien finish their final game of the season. "It still has not fully hit me that I won't put on a uniform with him again," said Strachan. "It is upsetting but I feel like everything is alright because [O'Brien] has left his mark on our program and he won't be forgotten."

Despite the loss, two Mules were named to the All-Centennial Conference Team. Stewart was voted to the first team. He leads the Conference in scoring (19.3 points per game), rebounding (10.1 per game), blocked shots (49 total), double-doubles (14) and is seventh in shooting percentage (.523). At the conclusion of three seasons, Stewart ranks ninth in College history for total number of points in a career and 19th in Conference history with 1,345 overall points.

O'Brien received an honorable mention for the second time in his career. He averaged 11.2 points per game, 5.8 rebounds, had 71 assists, and recorded 38 steals this season.



Senior Jimmy O'Brien battles for the rebound against an opponent from Ursinus College.

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TRACK

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On the track, Seniors Danielle Seiler and Karen Mount captured first place in the 400 meters and 800 meters, respectively. Seiler took first place in the 400 event last year as well. Her time of 59.45 was just 11 hundredths of a second off her own College record time. Sophomore Jenna Lombardi finished in fourth place in the 400 meters with a time of 1:01.82 and seventh in the 55 meters with a time of 7.80. Mount clocked in at 2:18.91 in the 800 meters and also won the mile with a time of 5:04.23. Mount's performance in the mile qualified her for the ECACs and broke the College record.

Seiler, Mount and Lombardi teamed up with Sophomore Emily

Karel to win a silver medal in the 4x400 meter relay race. The team qualified for the ECACs with a finish of 4:09.65. Sophomore Sara Gearin and Freshmen Kathryn Niedzwiecki and Janette Adams teamed up with Mount to break the College record in the 4x800 meter relay and to qualify for the ECACs with a time of 9:43.72.

The men's first place finish in the 4x800 relay was their biggest accomplishment of the meet. This was the first time in 13 years that Haverford did not win the 4x800 at Conferences. Junior Lex Mercado ran the first leg of the race, followed by Freshman Stuart Udis, Senior Jason Finkelstein and Junior Stephen Rothwell.

"Our relay race team did really well. I was very proud of how we did, and it shows that all of your hard work really paid off," said

Finkelstein. Rothwell ran the final leg and sprinted past the Haverford anchor to a first-place finish for his team. Rothwell also was a member of the first place 4x400 relay team, which also included Finkelstein, Mercado and Sophomore Dan Steinhart. Steinhart ran a personal best in the 400 meter dash and captured second place with a time of 51.82. "Our Conference meet was one hell of a meet. We ended up scoring more points than anyone expected us to. We were supposed to be competing for the top two positions with Ursinus. Unfortunately, we did not see Dickinson coming up with points. They were not even on our radar, but they snuck up and got us in the end. Still, we placed really well and now will have a few members go on until the ECACs," said Mercado.

In addition to running the anchor

leg on the 4x800, Rothwell captured third place in the 800 meters with a time of 1:59.08 and second place in the mile run with a time of 4:20.44. Mercado sprinted to a gold medal in the 800 meter race with a time of 1:58.60 and came in third place in the mile with a time of 4:21.36.

On the field, Freshman Pat Cuning was runner-up in the high jump, scoring valuable points for the Mules. "I am very excited to qualify for the upcoming ECACs. We have a few people running and we are all looking forward to this opportunity. This is definitely a huge step for us and a testimony to how hard we have worked this entire season. We are as ready as we will ever be and this is our year to do it," said Finkelstein.

The Mules' next race is the ECAC Championships which will be held on Mar. 3 and 4 at Ursinus College.

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Title dreams become reality

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After a long and grueling season where records were shattered, the women's basketball can now call themselves Centennial Conference Champions. This past weekend, the Mules had the number one seed in the tournament and took on the number four seed McDaniel College. The past two times these teams met, the games went down to the buzzer. This game was no exception.

With the College up 14 points with 11 minutes remaining, the Mules went ten minutes without scoring a field goal. McDaniel tied the game with 7.1 seconds remaining. The Mules' shot was blocked and the game went into overtime.

Freshman Lauren Boyle sank two free throws to put the Mules up 56-53. Their defense stopped McDaniel

and the Mules went on to win 56-55. The Mules' three victories over McDaniel came by a total of five points. Boyle led all scorers with 19 points and also pulled down ten rebounds for her first career double-double.

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Junior Meghan Courtney also had a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while Senior Kristen Piscadlo added 12 points.

In the final, the College faced Johns Hopkins University. The game went back and forth the whole time. The Blue Jays were up 38-33 with 13:45 left to play when the Mules went on a seven point run of their own. Hopkins regained the lead with 1:20 remaining. With key free throws by Senior Michelle Hirst and



Supported by family, devoted fans and alumni basketball players, the women's basketball team celebrates their Championship win.

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Boyle, the Mules were team have a record of 72-32, history at the College. crowned Champions. and are now the winningest class in women's basketball

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Mules dash to second and third place



The Mules' eight first-place finishers beam after successful performances at the Centennial Conference Championships.

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By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules' indoor track teams finished near the top of the pack at the Centennial Conference Championships held at Ursinus College last Saturday and Sunday. Their performance included eight first-place finishes. This two-day meet ended with the women taking second place and the men claiming third place overall.

In the women's field events, Junior Jacquelyn Inverso was named the Most Outstanding Women's Field Performer for the second time in three years. Inverso captured first place in the triple jump with a distance of 35 feet 10 inches, third

place in the high jump with a jump of five feet and one quarter inches, and eighth place in the long jump with a jump of 15 feet 10 inches. Junior Rachel Drosdick claimed first place in the long jump with a jump of 17 feet, five and one half inches. Drosdick also captured fifth place in the high jump.

Junior Katie Hesselink-Hicks, Freshman Hannah Sylvester and Sophomore Erika Koop also scored points for the Mules in the high jump. Koop's seventh place finish in the triple jump gave the Mules a half-point lead over Haverford College going into the final event. Haverford ultimately captured first place.

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE IRISH AT MATTER

The Luck
of the Irish



Revealing the mystery of Saint Patrick

By Luanne Linares
Asst. Focus Editor

To many, the background of Saint Patrick's Day is a mystery and most people do not stop to think why the holiday is celebrated. In fact, the real reason why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated is because of the Irish's gratitude toward Saint Patrick for him converting Ireland to Christianity.

The patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick made it his life's mission to help convert the Irish to Roman Catholicism. As the book *Saint of the Day* by Leonard Foley says, "What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labors (all of Ireland) and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work."

In addition to the appreciation of the individual, canonizing a person as a saint in the Catholic religion affirms the idea that humans can lead lives, as the Gospels state, in the image of Christ. Saints help to spread that philosophy to other people. Canonization displays the virtues of the person and, therefore according to Catholicism, challenges people to embrace the Gospels as the saints and disciples did.

Furthermore, according to the Second Vatican Council, when the Church celebrates the feast of a saint (which is what St. Patrick's

Day really is) it does so not to draw attention away from Christ, who Christians believe is the one mediator between people and God, but rather to proclaim the wonder of the works of Christ in his servants, and to display to the faithful fitting examples for their imitation."

Thus, the Irish, and typically, Irish-Americans, feel so strongly about St. Patrick's Day because it is their identity, their culture, their way of life. This is the day that Irish-Americans can be proud of their heritage, instead of the shame stereotypically associated with their culture.

By having such an identity, Saint Patrick not only gave the Irish a past and a home to connect to, he gave them a future. He saw people in need of help, and thus he enlisted the help of the Lord. For that, the Irish and Irish-

Americans use this day to appreciate all that they have and to celebrate the evolution of the culture, which they attribute to St. Patrick.

At a typical Feast Mass, the official prayers of the saint are recited. St. Patrick's most famous prayer sheds some light into the importance of Christ to him and St. Patrick's wholehearted belief in living righteously:

"Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me."

Sources from John A. Krivak, Roman Catholic Chaplain

The Legend of Saint Patrick

*"Good St. Patrick travelled far, to teach God's Holy Word
And when he came to Erin's sod, a wondrous thing occurred
He plucked a shamrock from the earth and held it in His hand.
To symbolise the Trinity that all might understand
The first leaf for the Father
And the second for the Son
The third leaf for the Holy Spirit
All three of them in one."*

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Dublin's Finest Caramel Apple Cake

Serving Size : 10

-----CARAMEL-----

1/2 cup Firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup Butter/margarine
8 cartons Heavy whipped cream -- divided
1/3 cup Chopped pecans

-----CAKE-----

1 package Apple cinnamon quick bread mix
1 cup Chopped, peeled apple
3/4 cup Water
3 Tbsp. Irish whiskey or water
1/4 cup Oil
1 Egg

-----TOPPING-----

Remaining heavy whipping cream
2 Tbsp. Powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. Irish Whiskey if desired
*Cinnamon if desired

Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. In small sauce pan over low heat, combine brown sugar, butter and two Tbsp. whipping cream. Cook and stir just until butter is melted. Remove from heat; stir in pecans. Pour mixture into bottom of ungreased 9-in round cake pan or 9-in square pan. Set aside. In large bowl, combine all cake ingredients. Stir 50-75 strokes, by hand, until mix is moistened.

Carefully spoon batter over caramel mixture, making sure the caramel is completely covered. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 40-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool one minute; invert onto serving plate. Cool. Just before serving, in a small bowl, beat remaining whipping cream until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar and whiskey. Beat until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped cream mixture on top of cake. Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon.

Store in refrigerator.

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How to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

On March 17 you could take in your town's St. Patrick's Day parade and the wander down to the local pub for some green beer (which is strictly an American invention). But why not try something a little different this year?

1. Keep that promise you made to yourself years ago: go to Ireland. Take in the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Dublin, but only if crowds do not bother you. (The festival draws more than a million people each year.) Otherwise, get out of town and explore the beautiful green countryside.
2. Treat yourself to an evening at the city theater. Irish playwrights--from John Millington Synge to George Bernard Shaw and Brian Friel--have produced some of the world's best drama. In mid-March, many theaters feature productions from the Emerald Isle.
3. Delve into Ireland's pre-Christian past. Take a Celtic history class at a nearby university, or start your explorations at a good Irish bookstore. If there is not one near you, search the Web with the phrase 'Celtic history' for some good virtual versions.
4. Sign up for Irish step-dancing lessons. It is great exercise and a lot of fun. Check with local Irish-American organizations for details about different classes.
5. Light a fire, pour yourself a glass of Irish whiskey and curl up with a good book. Much of the best literature ever written comes from Ireland. Whether your taste runs to ancient myths and sagas, rib-tickling humor, classic fiction or modern poetry, you will have an evening well spent.
6. Honor your Irish roots by planting a rose with a name reminiscent of the Auld Sod. Consider Irish Beauty, a fragrant salmon pink; Irish Mist, a profuse bloomer in orangish-salmon; or Dublin Bay, a clear red, large-flowered climber.
7. Have a party. Play Irish folk music, serve whiskey and stout and dish up pub grub: cheese, soda bread, pickled onions and sausages. (Like green beer, corned beef is a specialty of Irish-American kitchens, not Irish ones.)

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Spreading the Word: Patrick in Ireland

By Stacy Romascavage
Asst. Focus Editor

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Patrick was a native of Roman-occupied Britain. He was the son of Calpornius, who was a deacon who lived in the village of Bannaven Taberniae. His birth date is unknown, but it is believed that he was born in the late fourth century. Most of the information concerning Saint Patrick comes from his two works, the *Confessio* and the *Epistola*. The *Confessio* was a spiritual autobiography. The *Epistola* was a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians.

When Patrick was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders. He was sold to a chief named Milchu and forced to tend sheep and swine on the slopes of Slemish Mountain in County Antrim, Ireland. While alone, it is said that he spent many hours praying to God. He was able to escape six years later. Patrick walked 200 miles to get back to a ship that would take him back to Britain. In a few days he was back among his friends in Britain, but now his heart was set on devoting himself to the service of God in the sacred ministry.

There is no recorded evidence where Patrick studied for the Church, but tradition makes him a disciple of St. Germanus of Auxerre, France. He may also have spent some time at Tours, France and at the monastic island settlement on Lerins, France, which is off the coast of Provence, France.

In the year 421 AD, Pope Celestine sent a representative of the Church, Palladius, to the Irish to help them believe in Christ. At this

time, there were Christians in Ireland, but the Pope wanted to spread Christianity further across Ireland. The representative's mission, however, was not successful. Patrick heard of the poor outcome of Palladius' work and he began to help spread Christianity in Ireland. His mission, which occurred in the later part of the fifth century, lasted more than thirty years. Because of those conversion, Patrick was often confused with Palladius.

During his mission, Patrick founded more than 300 churches and baptized more than 120,000 people. Patrick had the most success in spreading Christianity in the northern half of the country. Ireland was the only country in Western Europe that was converted to Christianity without the shedding of martyrs' blood. However, there were many of skeptics who subjected him to frequent trials at the hands of other enemies of the Faith.

Saint Patrick was also known for chasing all of the snakes out of Ireland. However, there probably were never any snakes on the island. Because Ireland was separated from the rest of the continent it made it difficult for the snakes to exist there. Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to paganism. The Irish now also use serpent symbols to worship Saint Patrick.

The date and location of Patrick's death are unknown. However, tradition has it that Patrick died at Saul, near Downpatrick, County Down, on March 17. Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the supposed day of his death.

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An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to
meet you.

May the wind always
be at your back.

May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
and rains fall soft
upon your fields.

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the
palm of his hand.

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Do not give the gift of commercialization

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Holidays have been commercial events for as long as they have existed. What has changed over the recent decades has been the skill with which marketers have exploited them. Commercialism means many things and implies many different transactions. Gifts, food, drink, entertainment and even travel all play a role in both holidays and in the business cycle--none are new.

Gifts play a role in many holidays. The year-end holidays of Christmas, Eid al-Fitr Hanukkah and Kwanzaa all stand out as gift-giving days. The gifts traditionally serve a symbolic function: how many newborns really need gold, incense or myrrh, the gifts brought to the infant Christ? By the 19th century the tradition of giving sweets and toys to children was established, as was the commercialization of holiday food.

In the first part of the Common Era, the generally precarious standard of living lent special meaning to food. Ritual fasts made

hunger a spiritual act, while holiday feasts were a rare departure from daily hunger. Wealthy families, and later the nobility, would mark holidays by serving food to the assembled masses. Holidays tempt more than just the palate. Throughout the history of Christian Europe, dance, drama and music have been closely associated with holidays.

Similarly, the commercial reality of premium-priced holiday travel and lodgings appears across the globe and history. Holiday travel brings people closer to families or places of spiritual meaning. Imitating the first holiday trip of the magi, medieval pilgrims spawned the tourist industry. Along Spain's Camino de Santiago, monasteries and later inns would compete for pilgrims' business, publicizing local miracles while hawking foods and spirits specially designed for the pilgrims. Rather than decrying holiday excess, I would suggest instead finding a means of celebrating without foregoing the powerful symbolism of gift-giving.

Two options are eliminating traditional gifts in favor of charitable donations (through Heifer International, for example) or turning to simple handmade gifts instead of store-bought presents. As a person of faith and a scholar of customs, I choose to travel to be with family and to share food and drink with loved ones and strangers alike, and feel connected through these traditions through hundreds of years to millions of people gathering to celebrate a spiritual or simply spirit-filled feast.

The Process of Making Green Beer

The malt, hops and water are boiled for a period of time. This mixture is called wort (pronounced wert).

The wort is poured into fermenter and allowed to cool.

Next, the prepared yeast is pitched into the fermenter and an airlock is placed over the opening. The yeast will now begin to activate itself.

The yeast will multiply as it consumes the sugars in the mixture.

Within seven to ten days, the yeast will consume all the sugar that it can and then it will settle at the bottom of the fermenter.

Green food coloring is added for coloration.

Finally, the beer is bottled and set aside for a couple of weeks to mature and carbonate.

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Who is St. Patrick?



"The Irish
pied-piper."
- Liz Cady '07



"St. Patrick was
the guy who
chased the rats
out of Ireland."
- Kelly Owens '09



"The Irish
guy who
invented beer."
-Brendan
Haney '06



"The guy who
invented
Guinness."
- Andrew
Kelleher '07

What is the importance of the shamrock?



"St. Pat used
shamrocks to
explain the
Holy Trinity."
- Amy Mahn '06



"[It's the] marsh-
mallow in Lucky
Charms cereal."
-Colleen
Shemeley, Nancy
Parker, Karen
Schall, The
Registrar



"They are lucky."
- Michael
Capawana '08



"The source of
the Shamrock
shakes."
- Mark Stein,
Assistant
Professor of
History

What is the importance of the color green?



"The raging
jealously of the
non-Irish."
- Nadine
Goldman '07



"The skintone
of students
having fun
that night."
-Jessica
Morreale '07



"[It's the]
color of the
leprechaun's hat."
-Sammi
Borah '08



"It is lucky for
money."
-Alyssa
Rabenold '02,
Senior Assistant
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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

Vigil for peace in Iraq takes place at Parents' Plaza

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Students and members of the Allentown community gathered at Parents' Plaza on Sun., Mar. 19, to commemorate the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. The peace vigil, organized by Adrian Shanker '09 and Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain, was a nonpolitical event sponsored by both the Chapel and the College Democrats to show community support for peace in Iraq and other places where American troops are stationed.

The peace vigil, following an unrelated war protest, marked a day of remembrance for fallen troops, civilians, humanitarian aid workers and journalists. In attendance were students from the College, DeSales University and Northampton Community College, and war veterans and religious leaders from the Christian and Jewish communities of

Allentown, Pa.

Three minutes of silence were observed for each of the three years of war in Iraq. After a series of improvised and traditional prayers for peace by Bredlau and Cantor Ellen Sussman from Congregation Keneseth Israel, attendees offered per-

"I think that if the church does not stand up for the poor and against war, it stops being the church. Jesus never used violence and that's good enough for me."

Peter Bredlau,
College Chaplain

sonal prayer and reflection in an open-mic style forum.

Bredlau addressed the attending crowd, "One common denominator in all of this is death. We are here

tonight to show that death does not need to win."

"We cannot be complacent when people are dying at the hands of war," urged Shanker. "Too many people have become overwhelmed with political apathy but apathy cannot be an excuse when talking about the multitude of deaths." The open-mic portion of the peace vigil was initiated as a means for allowing individuals to overcome their own apathy.

To date, nearly 30,000 Iraqis and 2,300 troops have died while another 17,000 soldiers have suffered injuries in the second Gulf War. Many of those in attendance at the vigil repeatedly cited frustrations with both humanitarian and political apathy.

"I think that if the church does not stand up for the poor and against war, it stops being the church," Bredlau explained. "Jesus never used violence and

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Proposal for multicultural center accepted

By Kristen Ziegler
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Mar. 15, President Randy Helm accepted a proposal for a multicultural center on campus that would provide educational and programming space along with reading resource space. Over the last semester a task force co-chaired by Janine Chi, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, created a proposal that Helm has called "thoughtful, creative and compelling."

The creation of this proposal joined Chi, Hooker-Haring, nine additional faculty and staff members (Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Life; Charles Anderson, Professor of Dance; Susan Schwartz, Associate Professor of Religion and Acting Head of the Religion Department; Cindy Amaya, Senior Assistant Director of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment; Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service; Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director; Rudy Ehrenberg, former Dean of Students; Robert Rivera, groundskeeper; Lucy Lim, Financial Services secretary) and nine students (Jessica Rodriguez '06, Pamela Peterson '06, Debra VanderWeit '06, Rosalie Aponte '07, Acacia Cochise '07, Rieko Takahashi '07, Emily Hanlen '08 and Michael Cali '09).

These members met several times a month, though at "crunch time" they met even more to discuss not only what they thought the center should be used for but also the location of the center, the goals of the center and, perhaps most importantly, what exactly it

means to be multicultural.

"One of the biggest things in creating the center was the definition of multicultural. It is not only ethnicity and race but also gender identification and everything," said Rodriguez. "We want everyone to be included. This is definitely a whole place for the community to come together. [The multicultural center] is not just for minorities."

Aponte, who represented Comunidad Latina, agreed, saying that the center "is to be a unifying thing, not about segregating but unifying everyone."

Rodriguez and the other members of the task force hope that this center will become a "central meeting place" for all of the students on campus. It will provide a place for multicultural programs, including speakers, and "help bring the campus together with multicultural life."

This effort to make the center a gathering place on campus informed their decision not to have residential facilities in the center, as per Helm's original concept. One of the major problems that deterred the residential component was the decision of who would live in the facility and since, as of yet, there is no definite location for the center, the committee did not know what number of students they would be allowed to admit.

Additionally, the task force hoped to model this center off of the existing cultural centers on campus, with Hillel being the pinnacle of a success. Without housing students in the multicultural center, the committee thought that people would feel as if they could come and go as they please.

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Adrian Shanker '09, shown here, speaks for peace at the vigil.

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Comments mean more when they are from our own community

This past week, nine members of *The Weekly* staff, ourselves included, attended the College Media Association's Annual Spring Conference in New York City, N.Y. along with over 1,000 other participants. Students and advisors from all over the country congregated in The Roosevelt Hotel on 45th and Madison Sts. to learn from experts and from one another. Our days were spent attending classes and listening to speakers, learning techniques and strategies that would help us to improve both the paper that fills the paper bin every Thursday in Seegers Union and our organization as a whole. We even had the opportunity to have our newspaper critiqued, page by page, by a newspaper advisor from Johnson Community College in Kansas City, Mo.

The critique, much to our delight, was highly favorable. The woman who critiqued our newspaper was surprised that, considering the small size of the College, we put out a sixteen-page paper on a weekly basis with an entirely volunteer staff. Admittedly, it was gratifying to hear someone outwardly applaud our hard work and appreciate our late nights and it made us that much more ready to head down to our stuffy office in the Underground on this production night. However, these comments came from a woman who we had never seen before, nor will probably see again (except, perhaps, at another conference) and so her remarks lacked a community connection. It is the comments of the people of the College that we most highly value because these are the people about whom and for whom *The Weekly* is written. Our newspaper wants to inspire dialogue, wants to capture people's attention so that they feel the need to pick up a pen (or in the year 2006, go to their computer) and send their opinions and thoughts to *The Weekly*.

With this editorial, we implore all of our readers to not hesitate in contacting us, in writing a Letter to the Editor or even requesting an application to work with us. While we value the opinions and thoughts of all, it is particularly the opinion of the College Community that we want to hear, because it is these opinions that push us to work harder and strive for greater things.

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I just had to comment on Max Lux's article "Searching for bin Laden." He has every right to state his case or opinion. It is not his opinion I take issue with but the arrogance he displays in his writing. He acts like the freshman he may or may not be. What are his experiences and credentials that give him such insight on the massive problem over Generals and life-long public servants of our country? Just arrogance?

Trust a trustee

I served in the Marine Corps in World War II, received three Purple Heart medals, among others; was a Board Member at Muhlenberg College for 12 years and served six of those on its Executive Board. I received a commendation from the Student Council at the College and an Alumni Achievements Award in 1976. I am a Life Trustee.

I would never ridicule others as Max Lux has written in his letter with his light-weight or non-existent credentials.

—Robert Klein '49

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Sarah Smith, writer of "The Imaginary Cuckold may depict illusions of deceit, but the laughs evoked are anything but fake," on behalf of the cast and myself. A good relationship between the Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA) and *The Weekly* is crucial and well appreciated from both ends. *The Weekly* is one of the main sources for spreading cultural knowledge and informing our diverse Student Body of all the many great and wide-ranging artistic events at the College. The critiques given in *The Weekly* provide a measuring

stick not only for the performers to step up to but also give a great description of how the event went so that others might be encouraged to come watch or maybe even participate in the future. This symbiotic relationship perpetuates a cycle of learning and interest in the arts at the College. *The Weekly* serves as a platform for reaching out to Muhlenberg students outside of the MTA or those here who might not appreciate the great artistic talent at the College as much as they should. This service of *The Weekly* further reaches otherwise uninformed parents, teachers and alumni outside the College, strengthening our image as the Caring College as well as showing what great things Muhlenberg students are doing. We at the MTA hope for an even longer, greater and strengthened future relationship with *The Weekly*--to more fantastic issues!

—Philip Lakin '09

Emergency contraception: an essential part of Women's Week

Amanda Adams
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Not only is March Women's History Month, but this week at the College Students Advocating Gender

Equality (SAGE) is sponsoring Women's Week. During these times of respect and remembrance of women, we must look towards the current state of women's health. A vital part of women's health is the ability to have the proper protection against an unintended pregnancy. Abortions and unintended pregnancies are a national concern, especially when half of all pregnancies in the US are unintended. Emergency Contraception (EC) is up to 95 percent effective if used properly, but unfortunately, obtaining the pill might prove to be difficult. First of all, many do not know or understand how EC works. EC is simply a method of preventing pregnancy after an incident of unprotected sex, such as when a condom breaks. One type of pre-packaged pills available is Plan B, which only contains the hormone progesterin, so it is basically an extreme dosage of a birth control pill. Currently, to get Plan B you must have a prescription from a health care professional. Plan B's availability has been controversially delayed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be approved for over-the-counter status, meaning that it would be available without a prescription. No one plans on a condom breaking and over-the-counter status of the drug would allow a woman to have it on hand if the need arose. EC is also time-sensitive. Most effective during the first 72 hours, EC can be taken up to 120 hours after unprotected intercourse. As we all may know, most cases when the need for EC may occur are during late hours and on the weekend when most EC providers are closed. Being able to get Plan B

without a prescription greatly increases a woman's control over her own reproductive health. Beyond the personal level, EC has great potential to reduce the number of abortions in the country. So then, is it needed on our campus?

Hopefully, many are relying on the Health Center as a source for free condoms. There was on a time when condoms were not available at the Health Center and some may wonder whether there is now an appropriate need for EC here on campus. The answer to that question is a resounding "yes." There is a necessary demand for increased availability. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 62 percent of women between the ages of 15-44 practice some form of contraception, and condom use is especially common among teenagers, 20-24-year-olds, childless women and never-married women. These categories include those women on our college campus. Given that a large portion of us are reassuringly using condoms and that there is a chance that condoms may in fact break, there must be a backup for these women who are already planning on not becoming pregnant. Many women here are put at risk because EC is most effective when taken within the first 24 hours after unprotected intercourse. Therefore, responsible women need access to EC 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We need emergency contraception available over-the-counter, as it is already in nine other countries. Women should not have to depend on luck. Even though I will no longer be a student here after graduation in May, I hope that someday access to reproductive health products for students will be further advanced with the availability of emergency contraception on our own campus.

Baseball fans shouldn't go for Star-Roids

Paul DeMilio
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Barry Bonds and his reported use of steroids, the debate about steroids and Major League Baseball has reached a fever pitch (pardon the lame baseball pun). A flurry of questions has arisen: Should he be suspended? Should he be banished from baseball? The question that I want to focus on, however, is the one about the records he possesses, and the ones that he may achieve in the future. Some say that he should have an asterisk next to his single season home run record and the same should apply if he goes on to break Babe Ruth's career record and Hank Aaron's all-time record. Proponents of doing such a thing point to the fact that if it is proven that he took steroids it gives him an unfair advantage over the great hitters of the past such as Roger Maris, Ruth and Aaron, all of whom didn't use steroids. I disagree with doing such a thing and I'll tell you why.

The reason is for the whole "unfair advantage" part. By using that same logic, there ought to be an asterisk next to Maris' home run total from

In light of the 1961 season when he broke Ruth's record. When Maris hit 61 homers that year, the regular season was eight games longer than when Ruth played. Figure that a player gets around four

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at-bats per game, that's 32 more opportunities to knock just one more out of the park than Ruth. Thirty-two more chances? Wouldn't that give him an "unfair advantage" over Ruth who had less chances? Yet that debate is not dominating the headlines of sports talk shows and sports pages. If you're not going to put an asterisk next to Maris' record, why would you put one next to the one of Bonds'?

What about players who do not use illegal steroids but instead use substances that enhance muscle growth like the whey protein powders one can buy at GNC? Though they are not illegal, many of the highly developed brands did not exist back in the old days. So if a player were to break a record while using one of the aforementioned products, should there be an asterisk as well? Keep in mind also that steroids

do not necessarily create an excelling record breaking player. Joe DiMaggio never used performance enhancing drugs when he played and even in today's steroid era, how many players have broken his 56 game hit-streak record?

What baseball fans should instead be worrying about is the tarnishing of the historical aspect of the game from something else: the destruction of old classic stadiums. It is a tragedy that Comiskey Park (where the Chicago White Sox played for decades) was destroyed and the new stadium where they now play is known by the incredibly lame name of US Cellular-One Field. It is a shame that White Sox fans can

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today no longer go see the team play and say that they saw a game in the same stadium where Shoeless Joe Jackson played. I fear that it's only a matter of time before Yankee Stadium is destroyed and fans can no longer say they saw a game at the same stadium where the 1927 Murderers Row lineup hit or Red Sox fans can't say they watched a game in the same stadium where Ted Williams played. These are the problems, not Bonds' records, that baseball fans should be concerned with.

Who do you know?

Ben Arem
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Why did you decide to go to college? Were you forced into it? Was it the only thing that you could think of to do with your time after high school? Or perhaps you had the hopes of opening up some doors for your future. What then do you do if you find that the only doors around are sealed with bolted locks? What do you do when you find yourself staring at a bottomless abyss called the real world? Graduating from college can be a very stressful and worrisome time. Your tenure at the College is up, your final grades are coming in and the rest of your life is staring you dead in the eyes. More and more around the nation, the problem is arising that college seniors find the future to not be quite as open as they had hoped; but why?

The recent estimate put out by the College's Admission Department is that only approximately 25 percent of seniors immediately apply to a graduate school. So what about the other 75 percent of the class? In many cases, graduating seniors find themselves to be "burned out" of their academic run and so opt to take some undetermined amount of time off to see the world, join the Peace Corps, etc. Maybe it is not a burnout-effect, but rather they are just uncertain as to what route should be taken. Whatever the reason, the most likely expenditure of this time off is joining the working world. The scary reality of the situation is that a college degree does not go nearly as far as it used to, and finding a job suitable for a collective college education of approximately \$140,000 (not including books, housing, meal plan, etc.) is a daunting task.

More and more seniors are finding in their search for employment, merely having a B.A. or a B.S. does not guarantee a worthy job (regardless of the college's name on your diploma). Instead, employers are seeking out those individuals who have attained an advanced degree of some sort (PhD, JD, MD and so on). This phenomenon shows its ugly face in the fact that within five years of graduating from college, the application rate to such higher institutions jumps from 25

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Who's on juice, what's on second



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Sometime in the next few months Barry Bonds is probably going to pass Babe Ruth in home runs. Sometime in the next few years there is a good chance he will pass Hank Aaron and become the all-time home run king. The second Bonds' name is placed above the two of them in a record book, that record book

watched Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa grab all the media attention due to their home run chase. He formed a relationship with a noted steroid dealer, Chris Anderson, and began lifting no less than 12 hours a day. Anderson cycled steroids, insulin, human growth hormones, and who knows that else inside Bonds' body.

The results became clear when Bonds basically put on 40 pounds of muscle at an age past 35, an inconceivable task under normal circumstances, and Bonds watched his home run total skyrocket to 73 in one season, an all-time record. When Bonds was subpoenaed to testify about BALCO, the company who was creating and supplying him with steroids, he played dumb. In the face of standing evidence against him, he said he knew nothing.

This book blows away any doubt that Bonds lied to the jury and in fact did cheat by using steroids. Prior to the book's release, common sense would have been enough to tip anyone off that something weird was going on with Bonds the past few years.

He changed from a skinny athletic outfielder who stole bases and poked singles and doubles all over the field into the Incredible Hulk. His head seemed to grow, his upper body vastly expanded and he began, on the downside of his career, to hit home runs at an unprecedented pace.

The numbers don't lie; 49 home runs in 2001, and another year into his late 30s...73 home runs? Bonds was just never that type of player, until he illegally molded himself into one.

Bonds doesn't help himself by coming off to nearly everyone as a snobby jerk. Who wants to see an oversized, racist, smart-mouthed 5-year-old in a 40-year-old's body pass national heroes Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron? Baseball wonders why football has eclipsed it as the country's most popular sport. Commissioner Bud Selig needs to immediately rid the game of baseball of Barry Bonds to give credibility to the game's integrity and to not allow him to pass Ruth or Aaron.

Bonds also should be put on trial for perjury and tax evasion, a topic also highlighted in the book. Outside of that he could be charged with abuse of his girlfriend, Kimberly Bell. Baseball can't let an

abusive, law-breaking liar be the face of its game this upcoming season. It can't let him eclipse records that are so cherished by baseball fans.

If Pete Rose is being kept out of the Hall of Fame for damaging the integrity of the game by gambling, Bonds should never have a chance to be elected. His face doesn't belong in Cooperstown with the rest of baseball's immortal legends. His face belongs in a science book, because all Barry Bonds has become is a laboratory experiment for BALCO and their steroids.

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The "generation lost in space" searches for an identity all its own

John Dunphy
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

had some sort of identifying culture. If one were to look in a yearbook from the '80s, it would be no question that the pictures taken were from that era. Big hair, big earrings and mullets. In the '70s one would find leisure suits, big lapels and shimmering everything. The '60s had tie-dye and a multitude of long straight hair and colored glasses. But what about us?

Children of the '90s have very little identity in terms of culture. It was at first thought to be that the '90s would be grunge metal and flannel shirts. This then gave way to the cyber era and the Generation X'ers. After that, the trends changed again to a time of "pop" music and culture. In a span of ten years, it seemed like we have lived a lifetime.

This lack of cultural identity, I feel, has led to an increase in the cliché, but not unmentionable, teenage angst that became so popular and to an extent still is. Cliques went from being simply the "popular" and the "nerds" to the "metal heads," the "hackers," the "pop divas" and a multitude of others. It was harder for a kid to find their place in society. With all of the new technology that was coming out at what seemed to be a mile a minute, there was constantly something new.

One example is the cell phone. It may seem like an eon ago, but there was a time when not everyone had one. During my high school days, people slowly got cell phones and even then, they were pretty crappy. However, it was still new technology. The cell phone then led to an increase in group activity since now you could be with one set of friends and still talk to another.

All of this led to what Don McLain would refer to as "a generation lost in space." We had no identity and because of that we were trapped looking for the millennium when all that would change. But things did not change.

Every decade has something that it can claim as its own. Our parents and every one over the age of thirty

The angst, depression and disorders that we grew up with followed us. Granted, we might have learned to cope, but they were definitely still there, waiting beneath the surface for a time to rise up and take control of our lives once more.

Now we are in college and the '90s might as well be considered the Stone Age. Everything is faster, stronger and a million times more complicated. Plain and simple, this sucks.

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We are not without hope though. Simplicity can still be found. All we have to do is drop our baggage for once and realize that our luggage matches everyone else's. Whether you were born rich or poor, whether you're from New Jersey or Pennsylvania, when hard facts come down to it, we all had the same issues growing up.

We all felt that no one understood us. We all thought that our friends only saw one side of us. We all walked the halls hoping for college where we could just be ourselves, never realizing that this ball of cluttered mess in our minds was who we are.

That is what ties us together. That is what pools us as a generation. We are the angry young men and women of America. We were the ones who saw the Internet truly rise to the power it is today. We are the ones that have been given the tools to overthrow the masses by sheer force of will.

All we have to do to reach into this untapped potential is acknowledge our brothers and sisters of the '90s. We have to empathize with their problems as they empathize with ours. So many people I talk to discuss how good they could be or what they would do. Unfortunately, with trends changing the way they did in the '90s, we became a generation of thoughts and ideas never fully realized and so we carry that with us.

Go out and do those things that you wish you would do. Say what you wish you would say. Unite as children of a common age.

Henry Awards stir up controversy

Rick Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Sixteen thousand dollars?! For the Henry Awards? What the hell are the Henry Awards anyway? Did Student Council seriously allocate 16,000 dollars out of our Student Council funds to the Henry Awards?

Just kidding. I actually do know what the Henry Awards are. It's an event, one night of celebration for a select few of the school's population. The night honors some of the College's most outstanding leaders, students and faculty alike. I was in attendance last year, where the organizers had to work with what I remember as being a 3,000 dollar budget. To be sure, they made the most of it. It was a

very nice dinner and a warm reception of the recipients of the recognized award. Professor Sam Laposata received a standing ovation.

But in all seriousness, the school blew 3,000 dollars on a fleeting moment that will last in the memories of only a few. This year, if the information I received is correct, it will be about 16,000 dollars, with the addition of a pre-show hors d'oeuvres and a formal dance following the ceremony. It's not surprising nor coincidental that members of Student Council are organizing the event and that Student Council members approve the budget for it as well.

Now, I'm not saying that the awards are not a worthy cause. Nor am I saying that the ceremony should be abolished. And in all fairness anybody in the Student Body could join the committee that plans the event. And the committee who organized the event should be commended. The goal of any committee, as far as I am concerned, is to raise as much money as possible and put on the best production. By these guidelines, the committee has succeeded with flying colors and the event should be spectacular. But should the school really approve 16,000 dollars for a single night that is exclusive to a select few? When the financial budget for the semester is already floundering? The Henry Awards are going to cost the Student Body 9,828 dollars to provide a cocktail hour beforehand, a formal dance afterwards and to transform The Garden

Sixteen thousand dollars.

Just kidding. I actually do know what the Henry Awards are. One night of celebration for a select few...

Room into a spectacular, 375 seat, professionally-lit award show venue. It was the decision of the Henry Awards Committee of Student Council to bypass the Finance Committee and make the proposal for 10,000 dollars directly to Council, while also receiving 5,000 dollars from Student Activities.

Granted, nowhere in the bylaws does it require representatives to ask the Student Body to spend student funds. However, with a budget of this magnitude, isn't it common sense to research student interest in the project? It boils down to this; our Student Council, our elected representatives took advantage of an uninformed Student Body.

Fundraising locally for some or all of the Henry Awards cost was feasible. Council instead chose to spend nearly 10,000 dollars of roughly 17,000 dollars in the semester budget. Their fundraising was not adequate, even though they cut the cost by more than one third (the cost before donations was over 16,000 dollars). The fundraising money has only gone to make more purchases for the Awards instead of back into the General Fund or to pay for Student Council's future expenses.

Since the Henry Awards budget passed, organizations like Hillel, SHARE, Best Buddies, RHA, Biology Club and a few others have requested money at Finance Committee meetings only to be scrutinized, turned down and/or given much less than requested. For example, RHA's annual EastFest request was for 4,464 dollars, including money for amusement rides, concessions, dinner outside and musical performances, but the Finance Committee was only able to allocate 870 dollars. Events like EastFest, open to the entire campus, could not receive the significant funds they deserved because, as of my most recent inquiries, there are only 800 dollars left in the General Fund. Council decided to spend 60 percent of their budget before the semester was half over, showing disrespect for the needs of student organizations.

Some of your elected student government representatives are taking advantage of you. They are taking advantage of your money. In the

upcoming elections, it's important to know where the people you vote for stand on the Henry Awards. Question them. Don't let this incident repeat itself. Don't vote for people you don't know. Don't vote for people who you know only by name. The majority of Council made an irresponsible decision. Therefore, the majority of Council does not deserve to represent you. Be aware of your choices and make your voice heard. Next year, maybe 16,000 dollars won't be spent on one night where the majority of you will be denied admission for something you paid for.

Article Two of the Student Body Association Bylaws states that it exists to help undergrads by "voicing their concerns, promoting student interests and advocating for student life and academic concerns." Is a 16,000 dollars Henry Awards really in the total interest of the Student Body?

So why have these types of actions never been questioned? Have we, as a Student Body, grown complacent with what we are handed? Do we lay down at the hands of those who were elected by a popular vote to dispense our own money with out our say?

The Henry Awards should be a great production and night of entertainment for all (although its doubtful that all 2,100 students attending this fine institution will be able to attend the cocktail party, the live awards ceremony and the formal following). But this comes at what cost? Not only is the night abusing student funds, but it's also prostituting the integrity of the student government and all that voted for them for immediate gratification. But then again, that's just my opinion, I could be wrong.

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percent to a significant 55 percent. This is the reality; the world is not what it once was. So what is one to think? Is it either go to a graduate school now or work at Wendy's? Relax and take a deep breath, there is still hope.

Sadly, life is not always *what* you know, but rather *who* you know. And welcome to the real world, this is what it just might take for you to land a job. If you are one of the 75 percent of seniors not going directly into a graduate degree program, then this is for you. Pick up a phone, write a letter, start calling in those favors with family friends and alumni. The word is 'networking', and it's exactly what you need to be doing. So who do YOU know?

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Secret masterpieces hidden behind College walls

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Unbeknownst to many members of the College community, there are many rare treasures stored in the Center for the Arts. Pieces by artists from Albrecht Ducker, William Blake and Salvador Dali are stored in a first floor room near the Martin Art Gallery in the Center for the Arts. It is estimated that there could be as many as 3,000 pieces of rare art at the College.

Joseph Pennell's engravings, chosen from the College's Florence Foerderer Tonner Collection, were recently on display. Pennell has been linked to James McNeill Whistler, who has worked at the College, and who was fundamental to the revival of etching in the second half of the nineteenth century. Works by both of these famous printmakers are currently stored in the Center for the Arts.

The College also has a collection by the nineteenth and twentieth century photographer Edward S. Curtis, which was a gift from Harry C. Trexler. Curtis traveled throughout North America for many years, photographing various Native Americans.

The College's Curtis set contains 720 rare photogravures of Native American tribes. Curtis originally published 232 sets of photogravures, but only twelve remain today.

Perhaps the rarest works at the College

are Blake's book illustrations in Edward Young's *Night Thoughts*, published in 1797, and his etching entitled "Canterbury Pilgrims," which are one of about two dozen known to exist.

The College's art collection is stored in a very secure area in the Center for the Arts. There are only two keys to the room, and special precautions are taken to make sure

It is estimated that there could be as many as 3,000 pieces of rare art at the College.

that the doors are locked. Theft and damage have not been a problem in the College's past.

While the room is not climate controlled like many other art storage facilities are, the temperature and humidity levels are constantly monitored. It is not the ideal storage condition of these works, but it is suitable enough so that the works are not exposed to damaging conditions.

Extreme precautions are taken to ensure that these works are not harmed. Keeping the works on display for too long could also be detrimental, so they are usually displayed for about six weeks and then put back into storage for about five years.

Kathryn Burke, the Interim Gallery Coordinator for the College, is working on cataloguing all of the works. By cataloguing all of this material, Burke hopes "to get all of the information into an online database so that the images are accessible to the Muhlenberg community."

VIGIL

FROM PAGE 1

that's good enough for me."

Others expressed frustration with the politicization of the Iraq war. Daniel Hunter of Northampton Community College said, "It is unfortunate that we are not honoring people for what they died for, but what they died about."

Many Democrats are being accused of using the

fatalities and low approval ratings for the handling of the war for political gain in the upcoming 2008 elections. On the opposite side of the political spectrum, several Democrats have accused Republicans of supporting the war as a campaign ploy designed to spark the economy and rally the public around the administration of President George Bush.



Amanda Palmer '07, says a silent prayer at the Vigil for peace.

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A panel of speakers discuss the issue of immigration in America

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Wed, Mar. 15, a group of panelists gave a brief speech on the topic of "Aliens in America." This program was part of the Center of Ethics: Politics of Identity. The moderator for the evening was Erika M. Sutherland, Associate Professor of Spanish and Director of Grupo de

Sutherland talked about the word "alien" and how it is defined within our culture to mean "anyone of foreign origin who had not be naturalized," which has a negative connotation.

Apoyo e Integracion Hispanoamericano.

Before introducing the panel, Sutherland talked about the word "alien" and how it is defined within American culture to mean "anyone of foreign origin who had not been naturalized," which has a "negative connotation" in society.

The first panelist to speak was Rocao Vazquez

Alvarez, Consul for Protection Services and the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia, Pa. Alvarez "deals with Mexicans everyday" who are the "largest group of foreigners in this country." She explained, "most Mexicans who are here are very young and have low levels of income, low levels of education and are now dispersing themselves in rural, suburban and urban areas of the country."

Alvarez said that Mexico "relies on the resources they bring back" and are losing good labor force. She concluded by saying that "Aliens in America have a tough time right now" and as a consul, "we have a great challenge ahead of us."

The next speaker was John Morganelli, District Attorney of Northampton County, Pa. Morganelli comes in contact with illegal immigrants who "invade the law, commit crimes and impact negatively" on this nation.

Morganelli explained that of the "12-20 million illegal immigrants" in the United States, "half are from Mexico and the other half are from terrorist states." He explained that this is a "very huge problem" that could be solved just by protecting

our borders.

Jane M. Schoener, an immigration attorney from Schoener & Kascavage PC, was next to speak. She opened by saying that the topic of aliens in America is an "important topic being discussed at an important time" because "Congress is getting ready to enact immigration reform."

Schoener discussed the problems of illegal immigrants in this country, whether it be the "porous" borders which allow criminals and terrorists into this country, the long time that it takes to receive a green card, that characterizations of illegal aliens that are no longer true and that legal immigrants are now being victims of crime because of these negative stereotypes.

Catherine Tambini, filmmaker and co-director of the documentary *Farmingville*, which was screened at the College the night before spoke next. *Farmingville* was a film about a group of immigrants who settled in the town

of East Hampton, N.Y. and created a stir among the local residents who were concerned about the "invasion of locusts." Tambini spoke about aliens in America on a more personal level, as did the last speaker of the night.

Irene Beibe, Assistant Professor of Spanish, concluded the panel discussion. As an immigrant, she talked about the many problems facing those who try to immigrate into the United States. Beibe said that "change is avoidable and laws have to catch up with




that." Although she does not have a green card, she said that one of the only things that would make her want to get a green card would be the ability to vote.

After the panelists were done with their brief speeches, students were allowed to ask questions and the panelists were given the opportunity to discuss some of the issues that were brought up by others. Toward the end of the night, Schoener said "now is a wonderful opportunity for students to be involved in this complex issue of immigration."



The panelists who participated in the discussion "Aliens in America" spoke on a variety of topics pertaining to immigrants in America including unfair stereotyping and their impact on the countries they leave.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Rain
High: 48 Low: 34	High: 49 Low: 32	High: 46 Low: 33

OFF CAMPUS

After this winter, heating costs expected to rise

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average price of heating oil in the Northeast corridor in the US last winter was 1.93 dollars. This winter it was 2.39 dollars.

From Nov. 1 to Mar. 15, the temperature in the Lehigh Valley was 3.2 degrees higher than the average of 33.2 degrees Fahrenheit. The prices would have been much higher if the temperatures outside were colder.

Fuel prices soared after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed 20 percent of the nation's natural gas production and shut down many oil refineries along the Gulf Coast. Because of this, customers could see their seasonal expenses jump 14 percent. Natural gas users can expect to see their expenses jump nine percent.

Grant given to fund more pre-school education

A 3.4 million dollars grant has been given to expand the Lehigh Valley Head Start's Early First Reading Program. The program helps prepare disadvantaged children for reading successfully in kindergarten. The grant will allow Community Services for Children, Inc. (CSC), the exclusive Head Start grantee in Lehigh County, to fund 137 Head Start students in year-round full-day classrooms.

CSC calls its Early Reading First program "Project L.E.A.R.N., which stands for "Literacy Education And Readiness Now!". Paula Margraf, Director of Children and Family Programs for CSC, said "We see this as contributing to the movement that says preschool matters."

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Professors and students at the College explore the issue of emailing

By Katherine Pearson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Has the relationship between students and teachers become too informal? A recent article in *The New York Times* approached the issue of whether email is an appropriate means of communication. The article stated, "At colleges and universities nationwide, emailing has made professors much more approachable. But many say it has made them too accessible, erasing boundaries that traditionally kept students at a healthy distance."

Students and professors at the College have their own opinions on what types of emails are appropriate and when they are appropriate to send.

Dan Asip '08 agrees that "sometimes e-mail can invade a professor's privacy. Students need to realize that their professors can't always respond to their emails as quickly as they want them to because they have a life outside of teaching." James Bloom, Head of the English Department and Director of the Self-Directed Inquiry Program, on the other hand, doesn't feel that students are crossing personal boundaries with emails: "As a professor I am at leisure as to which emails I will answer

and when. Also, emailing is less disruptive than telephone calls."

The convenience of emailing is enjoyed by both students and professors at the College. Alex Gervasi '07 feels that emailing is "an easy way to be in touch with a professor, because it is more convenient than having to walk to their office whenever you have a question." Bloom agrees that emailing is "great because it encourages communication between students and professors. It is also a more spontaneous means of communication because students don't need to make an appointment."

Despite its convenience, there are many who feel that emailing should not replace personal contact. According to Mohsin Hashim, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Dana Scholars, "There is no substitute for face time because it is the best way to serve the students' needs. I don't like when students ask about lectures in their emails. Engaging students in dialogue is the best way to answer their questions about advising or course content."

Stephanie Scrofani '08 agrees that "many issues that students have with pro-

fessors are best handled in person. Email takes away from this experience." Some students, such as Jamie Goldman '08, feel that email is not a reliable form of communication between students and their professors. He said, "Sometimes professors assume that students check their email all the time. When really important things are sent to students to do within only a couple of days before class, they might not be able to check their email in time."

The increased use of email on campus raises the issue of professionalism. Damara Gonzalez '08 strives to maintain a professional tone when emailing her professors. She explained, "I try to make my emails to professors formal regardless of my relationship with them. I always address my professors as 'Dr.' or 'Professor,' and I always close with 'Thank you for your time.'"

The article in *The Times* said that students at smaller institutions may feel like they have a more personal connection to their professors and are more likely to speak with them in person. At larger institutions students are more likely to reach teachers by email.

Students take alternative spring break trip to Georgia

By Mike Dello Buono
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Over the recent Spring Break some students chose an alternative method of relaxation--a respite that didn't involve pools, beaches or cocktails with speared fruit and little umbrellas. Accompanied by Alyssa Rabenold, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, eight students spent their vacation in Macon, Ga., painting the outside of a newly finished house.

Along with Rabenold, Matt Roessler '08 took the initiative to plan the venture, a time-consuming and frustrating task for the secure transport of nine unrelated persons. "It was well worth the effort," Roessler said.

Five different locations were applied to and the Habitat for Humanity headquarters made the final placement decision. Last year's trip to Harrisburg, Pa. was equally successful.

The program required a mandatory donation to the

Habitat Housing Effort. Students only had to cover the expense of travel and most food costs (some were subsidized by Habitat).

Rabenold said, "The community there was so happy to have us and really impressed that Muhlenberg students would use their vacation time to help people they've never met before in a place so far from where they call home. Our students represented themselves and Muhlenberg in a very positive manner."

"The community there was happy to have us and really impressed that Muhlenberg students would use their vacation time to help people..."

Alyssa Rabenold,
Asst. Director of
Admissions

Towards the end of the week, the group dined with alumni from Atlanta, Ga. Rabenold said that at the end of the trip they "got to meet the family" whose house they built and that was really "nice. We all spent time together and they even made dinner for us." The whole experience "gave us a greater appreciation for what we were doing and how it benefited the community," especially since "parts of it were really poverty stricken. It showed what we did was really worth it."

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Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 8 - Suspicious Activity - A sleeping bag was found in a closet on the second floor of Moyer Hall. Campus Safety does not know the identity of the item.

Mar. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - On 2216 Liberty Street, smoke from cooking set off the fire alarm. The alarm was silenced and reset.

Mar. 14 - Trespassing - Two individuals were found placing fliers on cars in the parking lot without a permit. They were advised to leave campus.

Mar. 14 - Theft - A cell phone valued at 150 dollars was stolen from Prosser Hall. A few suspects have been questioned but Campus Safety is still investigating the incident.

Mar. 14 - Theft - The rear window of a car on N. 24th St. was smashed. Stereo equipment valued at 800 dollars was stolen out of the car. After Campus Safety arrived, Allentown Police Department (APD) was notified.

Mar. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm at 417 Leh Street was set off by burnt popcorn. The alarm was silenced and reset.

Mar. 15 - Injured Student - A student injured his left ankle in the Life Sports Center. He refused medical attention.

Mar. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm in the Alpha Chi Omega House was set off due to an untended candle which started a fire. An employee of the College was injured. The Allentown fire department responded and a Judicial Officer was notified.

Mar. 17 - Theft - An unidentified individual stole a DVD player that was left in the Garden Room.

Mar. 17 - Suspicious Activity - An individual's mother called concerning her daughter's wish not to be contacted by a particular male student.

Mar. 17 - Grounds Problem - A grounds worker hit a light pole on N. 23rd Street. There were no injuries and

the pole was replaced.

Mar. 17 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm on 319 N. 22nd St. sounded due to burning incense. The alarm was silenced and reset. The individual responsible for the incense was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 17 - Noise Complaint - A noise complaint was made due to a loud off-campus party. APD wrote a disruptive conduct report.

Mar. 18 - Underage Alcohol - An intoxicated visitor was found in a bathroom in Prosser Hall. The visitor was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 18 - Underage Alcohol - Two students in Walz Hall were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Mar. 18 - Attempt to Locate - A student could not find his/her friend who was visiting the College. Eventually, the friend returned.

Mar. 19 - Underage Alcohol - A student in Prosser Hall

was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Mar. 19 - Disorderly Conduct - A fight took place in the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot. It involved an individual who was denied access to a party going on at the house at that time.

During the fight, the back window of a vehicle in the parking lot was damaged. Bear Security was at the event and cleared the area so that APD could respond.

Although many of the students involved in the incident have already been referred to the Judicial Process, the situation is still under investigation.

There were no major injuries during the incident. Campus Safety asks that anyone with further information contact them or APD.

Mar. 19 - Underage Alcohol - An intoxicated male was found in a bathroom in Brown Hall. The individual was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - An individual broke a light over a pool

table in The Red Door. A suspect was interviewed and the matter is still under investigation.

Mar. 19 - Disorderly Conduct - A student in Martin Luther Hall was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and for disorderly conduct.

Mar. 19 - Fire - A small fire was found in one of the trash cans in the Martin Luther Hall parking lot. The fire was quickly put out and there were no injuries to report.

March 19 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A car hit another car in front of Seegers Union. The owner of the second vehicle involved is unknown.

Mar. 19 - Sick Student - A student in Taylor Hall complained of feeling dizzy. Campus Safety responded and she was transported to the hospital.

March 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At about 10:30 a.m., a fire alarm was set off in East Hall due to someone using a hair dryer.

MULTICULTURAL FROM PAGE 1

Hillel was not the only model for this project. The task force asked, "What do other schools have?" and examined other small liberal arts schools including Hamilton and Wheaton Colleges and Colgate and Northwestern Universities. They found that these locations had very small close-knit communities and that their centers had looked at staffing, programming and student interactions in their creation. Ultimately the decision was reached that part of the College's center's mission would be to "place a focus on multicultural issues and be a safe place for students. It will provide support to the community and outreach to the Allentown community."

VanderWeit hopes the center will bring more attention to the organizations on campus. "Recently a freshman in my dance class heard that I was the president of the [Asian Student Association] ASA but had heard earlier in the year that there was no longer an ASA. Hopefully having the center will help people become more aware of the multicultural organizations and multicultural life."

The students, faculty and administration plan for this multicultural center to reach further than Allentown, drawing prospective students to the College. "I don't think it will prove that the school is about multiculturalism but that the school is trying to get better, that it will talk to minority students and inner-city students and show that it is a work in

progress," said Aponte. "I definitely think it will send a message that the College is committed to multicultural awareness on campus," said Rodriguez. "It definitely says that the College will be active."

This active role in the community will begin nearly immediately. A location for the center will be decided by Apr. 4 and the center is expected to open for Fall 2006. "We are all very excited at the prospect of a multicultural center on campus," said Amaya. "The committee worked very hard to put together a proposal that would encompass different aspects of the Muhlenberg multicultural community, as well as embrace the entire community."

Aponte and the sisters of Theta Nu Xi, a multicultural sorority in Allentown, Pa., share Amaya's enthusiasm and, though they are not affiliated with the College, they are planning on making a donation to the newly formed center.



The Hillel House, shown here, is the model for the multicultural center.

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Michael Zweig talks to the College about the different levels of social class in the USA

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

It's common for an individual to do a double-take upon seeing a gorgeous Lexus, Mercedes or BMW whooshing down the street with all the airs of superiority that a car of its caliber is expected to possess. Modern-day society is one where its members are in awe of material possessions and the success that supposedly preceded them.

Whether or not you can truly tell the financial situation of an individual based solely on appearances, it is no secret that today in the United States there are strikingly clear distinctions between the different classes that reside all over the country. While Americans are quick to judge and evaluate an individual's class by looking first and foremost at

salaries and standards of living, a recent guest speaker for the College's Center for Ethics offered a different approach to the issue of class.

On Mon., Mar. 20, 2006, renowned author and economist Michael Zweig presented a lecture entitled "What's Class Got to Do With It? Moral Values and Public Policy," in which he addressed the three different US classes--the working class, middle class and the capitalist class--in regard to the different power structures among them and not in relation to income or lifestyle.

Contrary to popular belief, the US today is not a middle class society, but one where the majority of its citizens are members of the working class. According to Zweig, when someone talks about class

they refer specifically to power. The people who are in power, like CEOs and members of big-business corporations, and the people who have little or no power, all have different interests.

The basis of all politics is value, and there is a system of checks and balances where interests and values depend on one another in a habitual, never-ending pastime of the dog chasing its tail. Zweig noted that the interests of the capitalist class include power, money,

government help and above all, individual wealth. The working class, on the other hand, is interested in helping each other, in maintaining a shared culture and a cooperative activity in order to have importance in a social context.

Above all other things, Zweig expressed the importance of admitting that the US does in fact have different classes, and how citizens of the US need to address this obvious distinction amongst its members. Gary Jones, Lecturer of History, praised Zweig and his effective

talk, noting that "In many ways, it's one of the most taboo subjects in America, and one of his great achievements here has been putting that issue on the agenda."

Lisa Perfetti, Associate Professor of French and the Director of the Center for Ethics, added to that, saying "I think Zweig's talk did a lot to debunk our myth of America as a middle class society, and I thought it was especially insightful that he talked about the lack of identity of the middle class, whose interests fall between the working and capitalist classes."

According to Zweig, in order to bring about a changing mindset, Americans need to first reconstruct the current political process that is grounded in both interests and values.

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**Lisa Perfetti,
Director of
the Center for Ethics**

WEEKLY

Life!

"It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others."

-Anonymous

Capturing the moment

By Megan Glick
Op/Ed Editor

"What you're seeing is the evolution of a theme," Robert Walch explained to his audience at the opening of his show at the Martin Art Gallery on Mar. 15. The show, aptly titled "Natural Mosaics," is not the evolution of a simple theme and this becomes evident walking around the circumference of the gallery.

The theme is photography, the theme is water, the theme is nature, the theme is abstraction, the theme is contemporary art, the theme is luck. During the opening, Walch spoke of his process, his inspiration and answered the crowd's questions.

Katie Gottlieb '06 said of the photographs, "They're interesting because they all deal with water, but not with reflection. You're looking through the water," as most artistic works dealing with water normally do. Walch said that he was more inspired by the play of light and colors on the surface of the water and how that looked as his lens looked past and through the surface.

What Walch has done is unravel the traditional philosophies of photography as his works are both nature and art, unaltered photography yet seemingly abstract paintings. Using a shallow stream in Utah as his initial inspiration, he



Robert Walch talks with interested students and faculty about his photography exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GLICK

began to photograph other sites in Utah and Pennsylvania.

In the beginning, Walch took advantage of the sunlight on the water to capture the way it moves and acts magically. Then, as part of the evolution of this theme, he started working with an electronic flash to simulate natural light; this helped as some of the settings which inspired him to photograph were in dark, wooded areas. This is where luck came into play: Walch recounted that especially in these settings,

the final product could really surprise him, since the flash would never be on long enough for the image to be retained in his memory.

Walch explained during the exhibit opening that he feels "a lot can be said for the viewer," based on the fact that these unaltered photographs maintain such abstraction. There is much that can be seen in these photos, much that can be interpreted.

Some of the works, which seem to get more and more abstract as his

work progressed, reminded me of Gustav Klimt's paintings because of the colors, or Claude Monet's Impressionist works because of the subtle patterns and color variations. In one, I swore I could make out numerous face-like shapes, and my friend joked that one reminded her of a Magic Eye print. In each, I found something that grabbed my eye immediately; sometimes it was the particular texture of the water

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR TUITION GO?



"Quilted toilet paper."

- Matt Fash '09



"To work on Prosser Hall, East Hall and Martin Luther."

- Clement Mbom '06



"A roller coaster on the front lawn."

- Joe Contrastrano '08



"Sneakers."

- Madeline Kaplan '07



"A Mule costume that fits me!"

- Kristen Brophy '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

The Jerk versus the Manipulator: two kinds of lovers we can all live without

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Sometimes when you are walking down Academic Row, you can't help but wonder "Why is she even with that guy?!" He's a total jerk, cheats on her with freshman girls, does way too many drugs and drinks to the point of projectile vomiting every weekend. And yet somehow, she still swoons whenever he walks by. They fight every night on the phone and break up about five times a month, but they always end up back together.

What about the gorgeous guy on campus who is just so unbelievably

sweet and nice to everyone, but his girlfriend is this bitchy beast who whines constantly and berates him in front of others?

Why do some people on this campus put up with this kind of treatment from their significant other? Are students here so desperate to put "in a relationship" in their Facebook profile that they will submit to sub-standard treatment and abuse from their boyfriend or girlfriend? This columnist says yes.

On this campus, you have two extremes with very little in the middle.

There are the people who treat relationships like bear traps (i.e. they never want to get stuck in one), which I have described in length in previous articles. The other extreme are the people who will do anything to be in a relationship no matter the cost to their social, emotional or even physical well being.

How many nights have you sat with your crying best friend after a fight with their boyfriend or girlfriend? How many times have you heard them say "this is it, never

again." But the next day you see them together or the next night they are drunkenly making out next to you on the couch.

As a woman, I don't have a problem with saying that this scenario probably occurs mostly with girls doing the crying. Why do we put up with bad treatment? Are we so desperate for human affection and love that we are willing to lower ourselves to the level of common street trash?

There are way better guys out there. I realize that the College is a bubble, but with two to three billion (give or take a few)

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The Red Door goes green for a St. Patty's Day concert

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

This year, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in The Red Door. On Fri., Mar. 17, a handful of musical

talent performed for a sea of green, giving the packed crowd reason to cheer. The Acafellas kicked off the night with "This Love" by Maroon 5, a tried and true favorite. The Eurhythmics' "Sweet Dreams"

prompted the audience to clap along, as well as OAR's "Hey Girl." The 'Fellas got the largest reaction from their rendition of Outkast's "Hey Ya." Crowd participation and a trio of top quality booty shaking during "shake it like a Polaroid picture," made the crowd go wild. At the end of their hour long set, Tom Kelleher '08 retired the song "She's Got a Way," another group favorite.

The newly formed a cappella group InAccord performed next. Although a little shaky at times, the group proved that they have a promising future. Beginning with "Always Something There to Remind Me," Desiree Sedehi '08 kept the night rolling with a smooth rendition of "Sunny Came Home." The highlight of InAccord was their fantastic version of Tom Petty's "Free Falling," showing

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Carnegie Weekend Listings



16 Blocks

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Failure to Launch

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Hills Have Eyes

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Inside Man

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Shaggy Dog

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

She's the Man

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Stay Alive

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

V for Vendetta

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

McDonald's new spicy chicken sandwich deal

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Members of The Muhlenberg Jazztap Ensemble get rest before their show with The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEIGH EDWARDS

Smooth steps and swanky tunes marked the tap troop's swingin' performance

By Rory Rosenwald
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

With all of the dance shows that have been performed on campus and all the new dance or a capella groups that have started up it's hard to pick which shows to go see. On Fri., Mar. 17 and Sat., Mar. 18, there was a performance by The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers and The Muhlenberg Jazz Ensemble. These amazingly talented dancers put on a spectacular show along with the accompaniment and smooth sounds of the David Leonhardt Jazz Trio. It was

no 42nd Street, but if you are at all interested in tap dance then this was a show for you.

From the very beginning of the show, the audience got the feeling that this was something that most individuals, outside of the dance community, may have never been exposed to. Jazztap is not the same as the giant choreographed numbers that have flooded Broadway stages over the years. The steps involved in the dance are important to the performers but it is also important to the tap dancers that the sounds that comes from their feet adds to the music.

The music was a delight to listen to while watching the show. Jazztap has a very light and smooth quality. With just a piano, bass viola and drums, the musicians were able to create just enough sound but they were controlled enough so that they did not overpower the tip-tappity sounds of the dancers. The David Leonhardt Trio played both original pieces as well as popular jazz tunes.

All of the pieces in the show were well choreographed and performed. Every dance showed off some aspect of the dancers' tap talent. Sometimes it

seemed as if the dancers were improving the entire time because everything flowed seamlessly together. There was airiness to their steps while they were performing so that it seemed like their feet were just floating. They appeared to be barely moving in parts and yet producing glorious sounds from their tap shoes.

It is incredible to see the students of the College dancing in such an amazing performance. Often times, many students and faculty on campus do not receive the chance to exhibit their talent. Therefore, it was nice to see many student dancers

participate in the show. All of the dancers were either students at the College or alumni, excluding Shelley Oliver, who is the Resident Instructor of dance at the College.

The Muhlenberg Jazztap Ensemble is comprised of student dancers from the College. Every student must audition for their spot each year regardless of whether they were previously part of the group. By doing this, they keep their old and possible new members on their toes. Competition is fierce for the

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Slippery Pete's Eatery will reel you in hook, line & sinker

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

I have good news. Allentown finally has a good deli. Step aside Manhattan Bagel, because Slippery Pete's Eatery is the place to go. Located at 345 Cedar Crest Blvd. in the same shopping center as Pistachio's Restaurant and TGI Fridays, Slippery Pete's Eatery recently opened and is now the main competitor in the Cedar Point Center.

Launched by veteran restaurateur Peter Jones whose other projects have been Rascal's Deli in Allentown, Pa. and Golden Corral in Emmaus, Pa. Slippery Pete's was named after a friend's reference to *Seinfeld*.

Not only is the food great but the staff is very friendly, including Pete, who makes friendly conversation with the customers. The Eatery is

open seven days a week and closes at 3:00 p.m. each day, so make sure to go there for breakfast or lunch.

Slippery Pete's serves breakfast all day, an anomaly in the area unless you're going to a diner. A huge plus is that their bagels and bread are delivered daily from Brooklyn, N.Y. Breakfast items include egg sandwiches made any way you like them, bagels with lox or whitefish salad, assorted pastries, three egg omelettes, pancakes and thick cut Challah French toast (which I recommend).

Lunch options include different kinds of salads such as Cobb salad, Caesar salad and a salad platter where you can choose any two combinations from a selection of three choices: whitefish salad, tuna salad or chicken salad, served on a bed of greens. There is a plethora of sandwiches to choose from at the Eatery. If none of the choices appeal to

you, you can always create your own. One of my favorites is the Turkey Rachael, which is hot turkey with cole slaw, Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing on grilled rye bread. Other good hot selections are the Reuben, tuna melt, chicken cheese steak, pastrami sandwiches, corn beef sandwiches and brisket sandwiches.

Slippery Pete's also has cold sandwiches and a carb watchers menu where you can get turkey, whitefish salad, tuna salad or chicken salad wrapped in iceberg lettuce. In addition to the great menu items, there are three bins with a variety of pickles where you can help yourself to as many as you like.

The prices at the Slippery Pete's Eatery are very reasonable. Sandwiches range from \$4.95 to \$5.95 and breakfast items range from \$1.35 to \$8.45. Once you taste the food you will definitely want to

come back. You can eat in or carry out but if you go during lunchtime there might be a little wait as the lunch rush slows the ordering process down.

With simple decor, the atmosphere is very inviting. The great thing about this eatery is that they are eager to please and will make or swap any item just the way you like it.

Slippery Pete's Eatery is the best thing that's happened to Allentown since I have been here and I think you all will enjoy it. I've been to Slippery Pete's several times and not once have I had a bad meal.

Check out Slippery Pete's Eatery and enjoy some great breakfast and deli selections and say hi to Pete! Treat yourself to a good breakfast or quality lunch, sit back and let Pete's good food impress you, your wallet and your tastebuds. You'll be hooked in no time.

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great vocal range. With time this group will only get better.

While The Red Door was absolutely packed during the two a cappella groups, the crowd drastically thinned out before the last two acts performed. Brian Kirchner '06, who was also the host of the evening, played piano to a small but devoted crowd, ending his short, three song set with a question for the audience. He asked a member of the audience for a topic and a key to play in. The result was an impromptu song about glasses that showed his innate humor and ability to spontaneously compose music.

Ending the night was Matt Indyke '09. Choosing to be purely instru-

mental instead of vocal, Indyke played well-known songs on his guitar. He took his time playing Bob Marley's "No Woman No Cry," and did a smooth version of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven." A member of the crowd said that Indyke's performance of the classic Clapton tune was his favorite part of the entire night.

Despite the eventual departure of the crowd, the St. Patty's Day celebration in The Red Door Friday night was a huge success. Students at the College got to see their friends and favorite musical groups create an upbeat and enjoyable night of music and comedy for everyone. St. Patrick himself would be green with envy for missing this alcohol-free concert.

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men in the world, there is no need to waste your time on some jerk in college. Dump him already. Why are we blind?

Sometimes women can be the oppressors. We are excellent manipulators and we can make men do whatever we want if we find the right guy. It is always a shame to see some awful girl berating and abusing her perfect, devoted boyfriend all over campus.

Some guys just really fall hard for a girl, and can't see when he is being treated like a doormat. If your friends are all telling you your girlfriend is a bitch, chances are they are probably right and are not trying to ruin your life. They see that you are unhappy and that you are in an unhealthy relationship. With real

friends, there is a difference between jealousy and truly caring for another individual.

Life is too short to waste it with someone who isn't good to you. Sure, you might want to stay with him because he is the most popular boy in school, with all the cool friends and he always knows where the parties are. But what difference does that make if he ignores you all night and then only calls you at 3:00 a.m. for drunken sex?

Your girlfriend might be really really, really hot and you might think that you could never do better, but the truth is, you can. Don't settle for the scraps of a relationship, only dogs should get that. And babe, you ain't no dog. You want and deserve the full course meal, with dessert. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!



The Acafellas perform one of their many popular and well-received songs.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS KACZMARCZIK

In honor of Pete's inspirational breakfast: Cinnamon Raisin French Toast

- 3/4 cup evaporated skimmed milk, undiluted
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 8 slices cinnamon raisin bread
- 2 Tbsp butter

~ Put evaporated milk, egg, vanilla and salt into a shallow bowl; beat with a fork until well-blended. Dip slices of bread into mixture one at a time, turning to coat both sides. Choose a nonstick skillet that measures nine to ten inches across the bottom. Heat over moderate heat, adding 1 Tbsp of the butter. When melted, add four slices of the dipped bread and cook two to three minutes on each side until browned. Remove to warm platter or plates and keep warm while you cook remaining bread. Garnish with fresh fruit and enjoy!

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horoscopes

By Bonnie & Clyde and their little dog too

Aries

You finally have some clarity. After days (and possibly weeks) of searching for an answer to a burning question, you've had a revelation. Now get off your butt and go do something! You can finally stop moping and put your mind to it. So get to it! Go to the gym, join a new club, make a new friend—because honey, it's your time to shine. So shine on little one and be the star everyone knows you are.

Taurus

So you're stressed, we know. This is going to be quite a tough week for you. We all know that the library sucks and takes you away from the exciting social life you lead. So go home some time at one of those little cubicles. You'll be able to get your accomplished in a shorter amount of time. And who knows, maybe you'll meet a very cute study partner to take the time with. And what's better than a new study buddy?

Gemini

While sitting at the General's Quarters, enjoying a lovely meal with a few of your closest friends, you will overhear a conversation about something huge. This secret will have a big impact on you because your name will be mentioned! Now don't freak out. It's not like every single person at the College will find out and talk about you behind your back (well, not right away anyway). Just stand your ground and you're good to go.

Cancer

Finally, you will meet your prince charming. It could be that person who catches your eye while walking down Academic Row, or the person lifting weights next to you at the gym. Hey, maybe it's that really cute person in your biology class you never noticed before. Wherever you find your prince charming, it will be quite a surprise. So you can look over your shoulder, but he'll find you. Have fun!

Leo

Uh-oh. We all know that the College tends to be a little small at times and here's when it becomes a bad thing. You will have an awkward moment with someone who you hooked up with/dated/were in a relationship with/spoke to while drunk. It happens to the best of us and the only thing to do is laugh about it and wait until the next awkward moment.

Virgo

Having relationship problems? Who isn't? That all comes to a head this month when a big project comes in the way of spending time with your significant other. Trying to find ways to spend time together might be a little tricky and stressful but I'm sure you guys can work something out or move past it. And if you don't, oh well, go to bigger and better things.

Libra

Have you been stressed? Been spending lots of time at the library and staying up late to finish papers? Well, thank goodness, because this week you get a nice break! Enjoy this fabulous time you have off and spend time with your friends, go out, relax—you deserve it. Try something new, like going to an all-night diner or taking a midnight walk. Be wild, be spontaneous and just enjoy your time.

Scorpio

You have spent too much of your precious time trying to help out others. Someone calls you to volunteer when you have an important test the next day and you say yes. A friend begs you to help her with her homework but you still haven't started yours. You just haven't been able to say no lately! This week, say no! You deserve some downtime with the most important person in your life, you!

Sagittarius

Stop thinking about things so much! Not every little thing needs to be analyzed. Try to live a little bit. It's really not such a big deal if that boy you flirted with didn't give you a big hello in The Garden Room or that that girl blew you off. It's okay if your sister/brother took out some of his frustration on you. Believe me, not everyone hates you. No really, stop thinking about it, not everyone is out to get you, I promise!

Capricorn

You've had a tough week. You "significant other" kind of screwed you over (and in a big way). You've felt pretty lost and confused. Yeah, it really sucks when that happens and you know what? It will take a long time to get over. I bet you can't think of anything else, but wake up and look around you! See all those friends and family who have supported you through this hard time yep, they love you. So, love yourself too!

Aquarius

You've been asking yourself some pretty tough questions about some pretty serious issues. Where is your life going? Who am I? What do I want? Well, stop. Go out and party and eat lots of food and get your mind off of these questions that don't need answering right now. You still have time to figure out the rest of your life. Be who laughs last doesn't get the joke.

Pisces

Have you been thinking to yourself lately that you've been doing a little too much partying? Well, all you passed out at Woodbury last night. Oh yeah, and your professor told you to get your act together again. But you did it your way—with a Heineken. And you're going to get yourself kicked out of Muhlenberg, and that would suck, so stop!

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and sometimes it was the blend of colors.

While it is clear that all the photographs are related by this evolution of a theme, each is unique in what it reveals about light and water in natural settings. Walch spoke of this, saying how sometimes he'd take the prints back to the site and compare them with "the real thing," only to no longer see any connection. Sometimes he would try to duplicate a photograph, only to find that particular moment gone.

In the exhibition brochure, he explains that the stopping of the motion of water by the electronic flash is "most important because the

eye cannot follow the refraction of light created by moving water. The photograph as a frozen moment in time can reveal more than is seen by the casual observer."

As for which photographs were most surprising and exhilarating for him to see in print, he answered that the more recent ones, the more abstract ones, definitely intrigued and surprised him the most, in which the natural light only gave him a tiny glimpse of what he might be able to capture.

Walch's combination of inspiration and training have come together to create these wonderful works so full of color and texture. The exhibit runs now through Apr. 22 in the Martin Art Gallery.



Justin Gerstley '07 reflects on a photograph from the exhibit.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JUSTIN GERSTLEY

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limited spots. Those who make the team work throughout the year to develop dances that are used to entertain a variety of age groups.

As for community service, the group has made trips to local Allentown schools and nursing facilities to entertain the community. With pieces such as 'Follow Me!', based on Charlie Brown and the Peanuts comic strip, there is no wonder why children love it when these performers come to their school. The piece was extremely upbeat,

bright and perfect for children.

The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers are, for the most part, graduates of the College, with the exception of Courtney Romano '06. The pieces that were performed by this group of dancers were at times reminiscent of the tap dancing of Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson when he starred opposite Shirley Temple in many films.

The movement was fabulous. Movements were almost too fast to see and at times they made it look easy. It's no wonder Oliver invited them to be a part of her smooth jazztap group after graduation.



Members of the Jazztap ensemble have some fun while practicing.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEIGH EDWARDS

Easter Break



College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on April 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay or return early to campus from break are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays, even if you are in one of the above categories. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services website and are due by April 3, 2006. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

We know you spend a good portion of your day on the Internet. Take a break from looking at Facebook and checking away messages that haven't been changed since last week.

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The 8th Annual Henry Awards

April 8, 2006



Named after Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Henry Awards is an evening dedicated to recognizing outstanding student, staff, and organization achievements on campus throughout the past year.

Congratulations to the finalists for the 2006 Henry Awards:

Rookie of the Year

Andrew Brown
Stephen Epting
Matthew Fash
Kelly Owens

Helping Hand

Kim Nguyen
Matthew Roessler
Julia Zur

Male Greek Leader of the Year

Rob Brennan
Brian Campfield
Logan Romm

Female Greek Leader of the Year

Rebecca Chovnick
Madeline Kaplan
Desiree Sedehi

Greek Organization of the Year

Delta Zeta
Inter-Fraternity Council
Panhellenic Association

Male Athlete of the Year

Jason Bonder
Kyle Douglass
Jimmy O'Brien

Female Athlete of the Year

Meghan Courtney
Tara DeMarzo
Danielle Seiler

Sports Team of the Year

Ice Hockey
Women's Basketball
Women's Track & Field

Trailblazer

Alex Corgan
Matthew Fash
Matthew Roessler

Unsung Hero

Amy Bornholdt
Matthew Freeman
Kim Nguyen

Published Writer of the Year

Kate Cassidy
Sarah Smith
Betsy Woerner

Organization of the Year

Knitwits
Muhlenberg Theatre Association
Pep Band

Visual or Performing Artist of the Year

Erin Cairns
Kennedy Kanagawa
Adam Pinti
Adam Reich

Visual or Performing Group of the Year

Fun with Eggs
Girls Next Door
Live to Tell

Resident Advisor of the Year

David Dolan
Kim Nguyen
Lauren Shetler

Event of the Year

Big Bang
Do it for Darfur
DTD Dodgeball Tournament
Relay for Life

People's Choice: Student Leader

Alec Ganci
Kim Nguyen
Lauren Teixeira

People Choice: Support Staff

Jeff Demko & Crew
"Shuttle" Steve Goosley
Celia Kim

People's Choice: Management

Cindy Amaya
Joe Grinenko
Ellen Pothering
Jane Schubert

People's Choice: Faculty

Karen Dearborn
Mohsin Hashim
Erika Iyengar
Jeremy Teissere

Join us for this outstanding evening on April 8, 2006 to find out who will win!

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Mules create Winter Wonderland

Women's basketball season is one for the record books

Men's basketball improved, '06-'07 looks bright

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The bus returning from Fredericksburg, Va. on Mar. 5 carried 21 broken hearts. The day before, the women's basketball team played their final game in the program's best season since its start in 1960.

After a comeback on Fri., Mar. 3, against Wesleyan College (Conn.) in which the Mules won by seven points while being down seven points with five minutes to play, the Mules fell to the players of host Mary Washington College, 68-48. This is the first time that the Mules participated in the NCAA Division III tournament and their first time advancing to the round of 32.

With a final record of 26-3, the 2005-06 team tied the most wins in a single season in any sport at the College and captured its first Centennial Conference Championship since 1998. Highlights of the season included defeating McDaniel College three times, Johns Hopkins University twice and Moravian College who was, at the time, ranked number 15 on d3hoops.com.

Last week, Junior Meghan Courtney was named to the second-team All-Region

team and Piscadolo to the third team after both gained First Team recognition in the Centennial Conference. While Piscadolo holds all records involving assists (424 career assists) and is 12th on the All-Time scoring list (866), Courtney takes the sixth spot in points in a single season (404), third on blocked shots in a season (39) and sixth in rebounds in a season (240).

The Mules' Head Coach, Ron Rohn, earned recognition as the Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year. After implementing a fast-paced style of play, which allowed the 2003-04 Mules to lead all three divisions in scoring at 90.3 points per game, Rohn flipped the team to become defense-orientated, taking the 18th spot in DIII in scoring defense

(52.1 ppg) and 22nd in field-goal percentage defense (.330).

Also, with a team predicted to finish sixth in the CC due to its 11-14 season last year, Rohn developed a team that ended up breaking the Conference record in most wins in a season.

Of the 15-player roster, seven seniors ended their collegiate careers with great success. Eight players and two starters take the reins next year.



The Mules discuss strategy during the timeout before their CC Championship win against Johns Hopkins University.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Since the men's basketball team lost against Washington College, 85-79 on Feb. 22, the team has had some things to smile about.

Traveling back from the loss, Junior Jeff Stewart and Senior Captain Jimmy O'Brien earned All-Conference recognition.

After making the Honorable Mention list during his first year and Second Team last year, Stewart Night win that put the College into the top, being one of five players in the Conference to make First Team. O'Brien received Honorable Mention for the second time in three years.

On Mar. 12, the Mules heard more promising news on the academic plane. Junior Tom Scott was one of twenty winter College athletes to gain recognition on the Conference Academic Honor Roll.

Three days later, Stewart earned All Mid-Atlantic Region recognition. After being named to the Third Team last year, Stewart climbed to the Second Team. Stewart was the first Mule since the Conference's beginnings in 1994 to lead the CC in scoring (19.3 points per game), rebounding (10.1 rebounds per game) and blocked shots (2.04 per game). Entering his final season, Stewart is 19th on the College's All-Time scoring list with 1,345 points.

With a final record of 14-12, the Mules finished with a record above .500 and participated in the Conference Tournament for the first time since the 2001-2002 season. Losing only O'Brien to time, the Mules will return a more mature and stronger squad for the 2006-07 season with eight seniors.



PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Record setting season comes to an end

By Jessica Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Both the women's and the men's indoor track-and-field teams sent athletes to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) on Mar. 3rd and 4th.

On the first day, the athletes of the College's men's distance medley relay team (Juniors Lex Mercado and Steve Rothwell, Sophomore Dan Steinhart and



Sophomore Christy Goff sprints in a race.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW MARTIN

Freshman Stuart Udis) won gold medals. Their run set the Ursinus College Field House record, but was 1.32 seconds short of qualifying for the NCAA championships.

Junior Rachel Drosdick finished

in second place in the pentathlon and came within 141 points of her own College record while beating her season-best total by more than 100 points.

Rothwell placed second in the 800 meters and his time was good enough for the NCAA

provisional standard. Rothwell's time of 1:54.62 was enough to pass Mercado and take second place in the College records.

Although no Mules qualified for Nationals in

indoor track, the team is satisfied with its performance. "We're not disappointed with our race. We set out to run certain times, and we met our goals," said Rothwell.

Two wrestlers represent the College in the NCAAs

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The College's wrestling team sent two wrestlers to the NCAA Division III Championship at The College of New Jersey on Mar. 3rd and 4th.

Junior Matt Loesch, who earned a right to compete when he won the Centennial Conference Championship the weekend before, finished sixth at 197 lbs. after falling to the first

and third seeds as well as forfeiting his final match due to an injury.

This is Loesch's third straight year participating in the NCAAs. Last year Loesch finished fourth overall, which is the highest spot held by any College wrestler. Loesch was also named an All-American for the second straight

year with his 16-2 record over the season and his third-straight Conference championship.

The other College wrestler to join Loesch on the mats was Senior Dale Mills. As his second trip to the NCAAs in the past three years,

Mills faced a tough draw. He dropped a major decision to the sixth seed in the first round and was the only wrestler in the 137 lbs. weight class to face a seeded opponent in the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. Mills fell to the fifth seed, which knocked him out. Despite the outcome, Mills leaves the College with a 26-4 record and placed either first or second in four tournaments this season.

With Loesch and the team's strong freshman class back next season, the Mules look strong.



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Mules send Hunter home empty-handed

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules swept the Hunter College Hawks in their home-opening doubleheader last weekend, 6-2 and 1-0.

The Mules owe much of their success to the pitching of Junior Nicole Washburn and Sophomore Katie Vecchione.

Combined, the two pitchers allowed only five hits in fourteen innings. Washburn allowed both of her hits in the fourth inning of the game, when the Hawks scored their lone run. Vecchione

came back with a three-hitter for her first career shutout.

In the opening game, the Mules broke the scoreless tie by scoring three runs in the bottom of the third.

Junior Tina Roth tripled home the first two and scored on a single by Freshman Riri Ferrigno. Ferrigno then ended the three-run fourth by hitting a two-run single with two outs. Freshman Samantha Crist added an Runs Batted In (RBI) double.

During the second game of

the weekend the pitchers on the College's side and Hunter's side had a fierce duel, which allowed for only six hits. The Mules remained hitless until Senior Lindsay Ruhling led off the fifth inning with a single to the right. Ruhling was sacrificed to second on a two-out error by the Hunter pitcher. This allowed the Mules to gain the lead for the first time this game.

This run was enough to secure the win for Vecchione, who struck out a career-high seven batters.

Hunter advanced a runner to second with one out in the top of the seventh inning, but Vecchione was able to close the game with a win by getting a fly ball to center field.

The home softball doubleheader against Moravian College, which was scheduled for Tues. Mar. 21, was postponed to Thurs., Mar. 30, at 2:30 p.m.

The Mules' next game against Cortland State University will be on Sat. Mar. 25. The game begins at 1:00 p.m.



Last Saturday Sophomore Katie Vecchione had a strong game. She pitched her first shutout to help send the Mules' to victory in their first doubleheader against Hunter College.

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Mules volley to an effortful start

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Playing without a complete lineup, the women's tennis team lost

their match last weekend to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), which is ranked ninth in the Northeast, 7-2. This was the third loss in a row for the Mules to a

ranked opponent.

Senior Amy Schmidt, who is seeded third in the Atlantic South Region in singles rankings, was only able to play doubles, losing a close match 9-7. Schmidt and her doubles partner, Freshman Carly Rotfeld, are ranked ninth in the region.

Rotfeld won two close sets to pick up a win at No. 2 singles. The Mules' other point came at No. 2 doubles, where Junior Pam Kimmelman and Freshman Jenn Powell eked out a 9-7 victory.

"So far this season we have played all regionally ranked teams so it has been kind of tough because of the good competition. Johns Hopkins [University] is our first Conference match so it is a really important one. We need to come out really strong and we are prepared to do this. Hopkins has a good team but we can top them because we have a really strong line-up all across the boards," said Schmidt.

The home match against Elizabethtown College, scheduled for Mon., Mar. 20, was postponed.

The Mules' next match is scheduled for Sat., Mar. 25, at 1:00 p.m. at Johns Hopkins University.

I think that we put up a good fight. We came out strong in the beginning, winning the first draw and getting the first goal. We were neck-and-neck for a good part of the first half; we really surprised them. I don't think that we've been able to hang with Gettysburg like that since I've been playing. It was a great feeling. However, they are a really strong team and were able to capitalize on all of our mistakes. We will learn from them and take this loss as a positive," said Senior Stephanie Light.

The Mules carried a 2-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game. The Bullets caught up 13 minutes into the game with a 4-3 lead. Despite the history of both teams, the pairing for this season looked to be one marked with tough competition. The team also has a strong defense, notably by Senior co-Captain Charlotte Adams and Junior Kelli Sakonchick.

"[Gettysburg] is always a challenge for us, but we came out strong, which is a big accomplishment. I have never been so proud of our team in my three years playing here," said Donohue. With the Mules standing with a 4-1 record as of Mar. 18, a promising season is in view. The next home game is on Mar. 25 at 1:00 p.m.



Senior Amy Schmidt braces herself to return a serve during the Mules' match against The College of New Jersey last weekend.

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Lacrosse bounces back with win

By Shannon Donohue
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The men's lacrosse team opened their season with two losses, but managed to bounce back this week for a win over Washington and Jefferson College, 15-8.

The Mules' first game of the year was played in Sylvan Lake Park, Fla. on Mar. 8 against the Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers, who are ranked eighth in the nation. The Tigers dominated the game

both offensively and defensively, keeping possession of the ball for the majority of the time played and out-shooting the Mules 47-22.

Sophomore Kyle Farris led the Mules' offense with two goals and one assist, but only two more goals were put up by the Mules for the rest of the game.

The next game for the Mules was played at home on Mar. 15 against the Randolph-Macon College Yellow Jackets. Despite a strong fight by an offense that outshot the Yellow Jackets, the Mules could not get past junior goalie Brian Vierheller who made 20 saves for the Jackets.

Defensively, the Mules held the Yellow Jackets to just six goals, doing their best to make up for the loss of Junior Captain Kyle Hart, who injured his knee early in the game.

"The defense played well," said Sophomore Patrick Lewis. "But when Hart got hurt, we lost our spiritual and emotional leader. He's my heart and soul."

On Saturday, the Mules traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa. and earned their first win against Washington & Jefferson College. In a fast paced match-up, the Mules pulled out a win, despite being tied 5-5 up until the last minute of the first half. With just 54 seconds left,

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junior attack Sean Toohill scored on a crease roll and Sophomore Mickey Norton followed suit just seconds later to bring the Mules to a 7-5 lead at halftime. The Mules' lead wasn't lost and they pulled in a 15-8 win.

"It was a good first win to get our key players going with [Norton] having four goals and Toohill and Farris scoring three," said Sophomore James Corely of the offensive leaders of the game. Seven different players scored for the Mules, including Freshman John DeLuca who posted his first collegiate point.

Defensively, the Mules also made a tremendous effort, holding out the offense under the leadership of Junior Christian Messler, who picked up six ground balls. Junior goalie Dan Koch made a season-high 15 saves.



Freshman Luke LaMarca dominates his Washington & Jefferson College opponent during one of 14 face-offs. LaMarca won ten of those face-offs.

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The win has boosted team morale and helped to prepare the Mules for upcoming Conference schedule. "Hopefully this win will give us the momentum we need," said Corely.

With a 1-2 record, the Mules are already attempt-

ing to make a come back before Conference play. "We have some kinks to work out, but the potential for a great season is still there," said Senior Galen Marsh.

The Mules' next match-up is against Montclair State University this coming

Sunday. Marsh is expecting to bring home a win: "The Montclair game has turned into a rivalry because we're playing against a former teammate [Dave Armstrong]. We hope to and feel prepared to beat them again."



Junior Mike Hart was named player of the week after hitting .714 and slugging 1.000 in four games.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

BASEBALL

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bined for 110 runs, 107 hits and 24 errors in the three game series.

In the game on Saturday, the Mules were hurt by nine errors in the field. The errors were balanced with nine extra base hits, including two doubles and a grand slam by junior third-baseman Pete Oris, who finished the game with seven Runs Batted In (RBIs). Junior shortstop Matt Block, Tobia and Sassman all chipped in four RBIs apiece.

In the top of the eighth inning, Block also made a backhanded catch in the hole to keep the Mules in the game. The Mules responded by plating eight runs in the bottom of the inning but they still fell short.

In the first game on Saturday the Mules fought to erase a 15-run

deficit. In the second inning, freshman pitcher Joe Barrese pitched a complete game to salvage a win for the Mules.

Barrese, who is now leading the team in Earned Runs Average (ERA) and in wins with two, said, "I just wanted to go out there and get our team a win. The guys played solid defense behind me and I was able to make a few good pitches. This team dynamic and how we played is what gives the push I need to held lead us to a win."

Junior first baseman Mike Hart, who hit the ball hard all weekend, went 6-7 with seven RBIs on the day. Freshman left-fielder Eric Hammond hit three triples and also had five RBIs.

The Mules' next game is away at Messiah College. The game, held on Sat. Mar 25, will begin at 12:00 p.m.

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Four-game winning streak snapped

By Lauren Wygonski
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules faced the Moravian Greyhounds on Mar. 16 and the Gettysburg College Bullets on Mar. 18. The win against Moravian boosted the Mules to an undefeated four wins this season with a final score of 16-5. The Mules were not able to maintain the streak when they fell to Gettysburg.

The team effort against the Greyhounds led to a win with an early lead that was kept throughout the game. Senior co-Captain Courtney Tapkas had two goals early on and the Mules led 9-1 by the half.

Strong defense allowed freshman goalie Caroline Shadood to make 11 saves.

Shadood also faced 13 free-position shots, a large defensive undertaking. The strong lead gave the younger members of the women's lacrosse team the opportunity to get some action.

"The Moravian game was the best game yet for us due

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to an entire team effort. All contributed leading to our victory," said

Senior co-Captain Shannon Donohue.

The second of this past week's games was against the Gettysburg Bullets, who are ranked eighth in the nation for Women's Division III Lacrosse. The Centennial Conference opener gave the College its first season loss, 17-8.

"I was really proud of us.

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Freshman Sara Miller sprinted by her Moravian College defender when the Mules defeated the Greyhounds, 16-5.

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Junior pitcher Eric Wolfer effortlessly throws a strike to help the Mules achieve victory.

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High scores don't yield win

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules' baseball team went 2-2 in their first four games after getting back from their Spring Break trip to Chandler, Arizona. In their home opener on Wednesday, the Mules beat the Misericordia College Cougars, 10-9. Junior Jason Bonder started the game on the mound and went seven innings. He gave up two earned runs and struck out five batters without walking any batters.

The Cougars tied up the game in the top of the ninth inning. In the bottom of the ninth inning, senior co-Captain Matt Tobia drew a lead-off walk and freshman right-fielder John Kalis drilled a single to right field, sending Tobia to second base. Junior second baseman Ryan Sassaman recorded his third hit of the game when he ripped a single to left center field, driving home Tobia to win the game.

"It felt good to get that hit in a

key situation. I had been slumping a bit in Arizona during our Spring Break games, but hopefully it will get me back on track. Not to mention it was great to win it for the team," said Sassaman.

"It was great to see our team hang tough and battle back to get our first win at home," said Bonder. That is what it comes down to in the end."

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The weekend series against Hartwick College consisted of one game on Saturday and a doubleheader on Sunday.

The Mules lost the game on Saturday by a score of 30-25 and the first game on Sunday with a score of 22-21. The team then came back to win the second game on Sunday by a score of 7-5 by hitting back-to-back inside-the-park homers in the bottom of the sixth inning. One home run came from freshman third baseman Brad Auerbach and another by senior co-Captain and center-fielder Chad Hegstrom. Both teams com-

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Student Council: Where have all your members gone??

By Gossip and Queen
WEEKLY COUNCIL WANNABES

Starting in Dec. 2005, Student Council reported that the number of Council members was dwindling. This epidemic has continued into the new year and Campus Safety began an investigation.

"It's simply bizarre," reported Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. "It seems like eventually it is just going to be Jared Fine-Body: just him and his hair conducting an empty room. So me and the boys decided to check some stuff out."

The search started out slowly, with the remaining members of Council very close-lipped regarding the situation. "For a time it was like pulling teeth," said Lupole. "Very well-brushed teeth, but it started to get annoying. It was definitely one of my more trying times

on Campus Safety, probably second to when the Blue Light Bandit decided to make my life miserable and *The \$@# Weekly* kept reporting about it."

Late last week, the case turned ugly during the interminable Senior Gavel meeting. When Fine-Body motioned for the Senior Gavel, Interim Representative Geoff Zinberg '07 amended the motion to have a Vacancy Gavel instead. The motion passed without any discussion, because he immediately shouted "Move to vote."

With that, Alex Lotorto '09, launched into a thirty minute tirade on the improper spending of Student Council and asked them to refund his tuition. (Rick Cohen '08 said: "yeah, what he says.")

While Fine-Body struggled to regain control of a Council that was running

away faster than the Council members who left the Feb. 23 meeting to go see *Big Love*, Greg Rose '08, Recording Secretary, screamed that Andrew Kalish '06 left Council to start a small independent magazine, which he named the *Kalisher*.

Suddenly, Lupole jumped out of a shadowy corner, whipped out his heart-shaped notepad and fuzzy pink pen and began jotting things down quicker than a bunny on speed in a hamster wheel.

"Guacamole!" yelled Allison Colino '06. "I bet he will let Dee Ross ['06] write a crossword puzzle." She gave a perturbed glance to members of *The Weekly*, whose paper has only become puzzled with this edition.

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Brendan Haney '06 and Neil Freidman '06 in a serious moment.

The College goes high tech... with an underground tunnel system

By Two Broken Feet
WEEKLY PAIN MED SPECIALIST

Welcome to Allentown, Pa. where once it starts raining it never lets up. Do you feel like walking to class in the rain? I know that I definitely do not.

Fences have been placed at the end of Academic Row to keep people away from the College's construction site. The pictures posted around campus have led the students to believe that the Seegers Union addition and a new and improved

Shankweiler will be the only two renovations taking place during this phase of the construction. This, however, is incorrect.

In addition to an extra conference room in Seegers and a biology building equipped with the latest teaching technology, the College is also constructing an underground tunnel system that will connect Benfer Hall, South Hall, Robertson Hall, Taylor Hall, Prosser Hall, Walz Hall, Brown Hall, Center of the Arts, Walson Hall, Gabriel House, Hoffman House, Seegers Union, Shankweiler, Trumbower, Hass College Center, Ettinger, Moyer Hall, Trexler Library,

Martin Luther Hall, Life Sports Center, East Hall and, of course, President Randy "Peyton" Helm's pad. Students and faculty will be able to move between these buildings without ever setting foot outside. Entrances to the tunnels will be found on the basement level of the aforementioned buildings.

The tunnel system is a response to an increase in crime on campus over the last five years. "As Allentown becomes more dangerous we would like to retain our somewhat false title of the Caring College. When asked to solve the problem of crime around campus this is what was pro-

posed by Student Council and I think it will be effective," said Helm.

When asked about the addition, Jared Fine-Body, former Student Body President, said, "It's taken a lot of work to pass this plan through the administration and I'm glad that it has finally been approved. While we are a small campus why shouldn't we have the same privileges as larger colleges? I'm sick of what the rain does to my hair everytime I step outside."

The rain patterns in the Lehigh Valley are uncontrollable and once

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Welcome to the annual April Fools' issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. All of the stories are FAKE, so do not believe anything you read.

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What we love about the College

In reaction to the discussion of social life at the recent Town Hall Meeting hosted by Jared Fine-Body, former Student Body President, and Student Council, *The Weekly* decided to share some of our favorite activities at the 'Berg to inspire our fellow classmates to get a life:

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I think it is a shame that some regard your student newspaper as unprofessional. Unfortunately for me and some of my friends, we find that your level of professionalism is way too high and plead with you to take it down a notch. I'm a member of Hope for Alumni, Teachers from the English Department and other Radicals, or H.A.T.E.R. Our group was formed to help ease the stress levels of overly-analytical people by gathering together and writing long letters criticizing editorial mistakes in student newspapers

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across the country. I'm proud to be a H.A.T.E.R., and we need your newspaper to stop being so professional. With all of your proper line spacing and correctly cited copyrights, we have to turn to other more error prone newspapers, such as *The Harvard Crimson*, to be able to enjoy our free time.

Couldn't you be more of a college newspaper and have articles that are funnier and more interesting but less correct in proper layout code? None of your other readers actually care about line spacing, so why waste your valuable unpaid free time, worrying about such trivial minute details? Couldn't you have just a little less symmetry and fit in another article? I know that you, at *The Weekly*, are trying to gain a larger readership base than *The Philadelphia Inquirer* with your high standards and editorial perfection, but wouldn't you rather have your own Student Body read your paper instead? Come on...please help us out here. It would mean so much to us to be able to criticize your paper on a weekly basis.

—Mr. Sid Ahtdesk-Aldai, '10
and the rest of the H.A.T.E.R.s

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Rick Cohen '08 for providing so much information on the Henry Awards in last week's issue. Before that, I didn't know what the Henry Awards were, but if they include a cocktail party and dessert reception, then I'm there! Rumor has it that the Garden Room is supposed to look like New York City—my favorite city. Yeah, this money could be going somewhere else, like to lower our tuition by approximately 4 dollars and 91 cents per student, but transforming the Garden Room into NYC...now that's priceless. I've also heard that the members of the planning committee have been busy fundraising to make the event even better than it would have been if paid for solely by the close to 10,000 dollar allocation. According to a bunch of people who have never been to a Student Council meeting or a Henry Awards planning committee meeting, the committee has raised so much money that they were able to

Thanks, Rick!

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Fix it now or I'm calling Daddy

Jessica A. Pellmanwitzstein
WEEKLY LOUIS VUITTON EXPERT

I'm sooooo
glad the edi-
tors at *The*

Weekly are letting me voice my opinions and gave me the chance to write this article. There are a LOT of things I have to say, and I think everyone needs to hear what they are. My daddy pays a lot of money, I mean it's like pocket change to my family, but my poor friends say it's a lot of money so, whatever, he pays a lot of money for me to go to this school so I figure I should be able to say whatever I want.

First of all, I am REALLY tired of the gross food we have to eat here. Why can't I swipe, like, at Wegman's or someplace? We should also really be able to swipe at Stooze's and Woody's. Who can I talk to so that this huge major problem will be fixed like ASAP?

Secondly, I hate that my professors lower my grade because I'm late to my 11:00 a.m. classes simply because I was out having a good time the night before. Gosh, Caring College my tiny, cute, size-zero butt. I've had to go on Prozac because of the depression I've

developed since having this low GPA, all due to the insensitivity on the part of my professors. That's not cool at all.

Now for a very sensitive issue. I want to wear tight spaghetti strap tank tops in the gym. How ELSE are the boys going to see my boobs look so perfect on the elliptical machine? Seriously, people are so clueless sometimes.

Also, I think we should decrease the workload at this school because it makes it really hard to schedule my mani's, pedi's and tanning sessions.

When I try to dress casually, like with a Muhlenberg sweatshirt, my Seven jeans and my Uggs, I sometimes get upset because the school's colors aren't really complementary to my skintone. Don't you think Burberry would be a much better school color? The sports uniforms would be SO much cuter. And painting the College's doors Burberry would definitely be way easier on the eyes than this harsh red color. And grey?

That doesn't go with anybody's skintone, and it's so freaking dreary. We already talked about Prozac; we're not going there again.

And the Mule as the mascot?? Why not a puppy? Oh my GOSH, imagine: the Muhlenberg Puppy at halftime in his cute Burberry collar! And Burberry cheerleading uniforms? I would totally try out for next year just to get to wear that.

*Why can't I swipe
like at Wegman's or
someplace? We
should also be able
to swipe at Stooze's
and Woody's.*

Why can't we have cool concerts, like Hilary Duff or John Mayer? He's so ugly but guys who can play guitar are ALWAYS hott.

I think I should get extra credit in my Bio. class for watching *Grey's Anatomy* every week and *Nip/Tuck* when the next season comes back on. Christian is soooo cute. I wonder if he could do my rhinoplasty...

I hate that I have to walk all the way from Prosser Hall to Moyer Hall for class. It's soooo far. Incoming freshmen should be given their own golf cart to have for their four years at Muhlenberg. That, or they need to get those moving sidewalks like they have in airports. I like love those things.

I would go to a Student Council meeting to tell them to change these things but I really hate meetings. Get rid of those, too.

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No comments: a short lesson on how to plead da fizzifh, beotch

M-Catt & Sizzle
WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE DROPPERS

Many people have comments these days. They have comments on everything from roofie-dropping frats that host frosh parties to opinions on editorials written in *The Weekly*. We two have no comments on such matters. Actually, we have no comments about a lot of things. However, we have no comments on why we have no comments. Deal with it.

We have no comments on the big red monstrosity that sits in the middle of one of the 'Berg's best fields. We have no comments about the rigging of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament. There is an "I" in Allen Iverson, but we have no comments about it.

We have no comment on the heinous combination of Uggs with short skirts. We thought about having a comment on publishing a picture of Tookie Williams but then decided against it. Instead, we have no comment on lame copyright laws.

"It's going to be all over the place and it's great" and "don't put the ---

in my mouth" are examples of quotations from *The Weekly* staff members about which (and whom) we don't have any comments.

We would like to have comments on Garden Room salad but M-Catt doesn't eat food anymore because she is on the Kenyan diet, so we aren't available for comment. We have no comments about Jon Harris' association with the "butt monster."

J. Gerstley or Justin G. has comments on the lack of lights on the outdoor basketball court but no comments on how the three campus change machines are located nowhere near any of the laundry machines. Justin Gerstley has been banned from this article; he left without giving us any comments.

Sara Horowitz being mean to guys...you want comments? Read about it in the next issue of *No Comments*. No comments about how the phrase "Jared Fine-Body" is now being used to describe fat ugly

hoes on campus. We think it would be cool to have a comment on President Helm's bow tie addiction (there are meetings for this...), but for some reason we couldn't come up with one.

We have no comment on this editorial.

Stop asking us for one.

GOSH, you're so annoying sometimes.

No comment, we have nothing to say, there's nothing to see here folks, move along.

Seriously.

Someone should comment on how there is a new season outside every time we wake up in the morning and there's a halo hanging somewhere, but we have no comments.

We heard that Muhlenberg has just been upgraded to middle school gossiping status; however we have no comments about that at this time. You'd probably know them by now, anyway.

No comments about how good McDonald's food tastes and, naturally, no comments on the real reasons for the propaganda war against it. No comments about how *THE Weekly* drops the knowledge bomb like it's hot or who this Bud is for. We have comments on how a tractor being sexy shouldn't be turned into

a song, but we're not telling you. No comments, either, about money buying happiness or Playboy mansions.

We have no comments on fake 1,000,000 dollar bills. Oh, we'd love to, don't get us wrong...but we don't. We have experienced a taste revolution and are no longer hungry, do you think bagel bombs iz da shiznit? Insert comments here.

How vitally important it is that Muhlenberg switches email systems right now is something that we might have a comment on. Maybe something like... "we don't like it." Nah, scratch that comment. We'd rather have comments on how we can write our piece on anyone but Justin (name changed to protect the children) who can't put his piece on anyone, but we'll save those for later. This is neither the time nor place.

Anyway, we've formed a coalition of the willing to let you know the aforementioned comments we have here withheld for when the time or place does become correct. But we have no comments on the coalition. The end, we're throwing up the yabasta.

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factor a crystal podium into the décor of the evening. I've always wanted to see a crystal podium. Can Apr., 8 get here faster so I can finally be there to witness the miracle that will be a crystal podium in the Garden Room? I've heard so much gossip about what has been going on in Student Council, how some people will never, ever be able to get over the 9,828 dollar allocation made to the Henry Awards, but seriously, a crystal podium? I know I can't wait. See you at the Henry's!

—Anxiously awaiting Apr. 8

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OP/ED through pictures

They always said a picture is worth a thousand words...

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counter-clockwise from Haas Bell Tower

1) Nipple of Knowledge? We think so. 2) Who's the cutest bitch on campus? Calypso Helm! 3) General Pete's pretty hot (it's all in the ponytail)... 4) but he's not as hot as the elusive Jared Fine-Body, seen here in a rare sighting. 5) Muhlenberg squirrels...our favorite animal to see walking around campus (besides elephants walking around the Sig Ep house). 6) Victor's Lament? More of a waste of space than Prosser Hall and Walz Hall combined. 7) Trees... too shady, even for Muhlenberg.

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. It's just not easy being _____ or, this new Dean of Students who provided food for students at her former College when they protested an administrative choice by sleeping in a tent city in front of the administrative building.

2. This Student Body President was elected president by popular vote even though he had never attended a Student Council meeting before elections.

5. Former *The Weekly* graphics guru who proposed a two column cut-

out of a tree.

8. This former dean's first name is the same as that of a football movie.

9. This OIT man swore Groupwise would be ready by Thanksgiving Break, oh wait, Winter Break. No, that is still not right...Feb. 27?

10. English Professor and *The Weekly* advisor who has gained notoriety for his turtle dance.

12. *The Weekly*'s Executive Editor whose Facebook friends include Olympic Gold medalists.

17. This former Managing Editor of *The Weekly* was known to bare it all for the April Fools' edition.

18. *The Weekly*'s Managing Editor who swore she would never write an article--and then did in our Mar. 17 edition.

20. This former Executive Editor of *The Weekly* dated the comedian (featured on page 11) who is

now famous in the Midwest.

21. This student said "I'm not Greek, I'm Asian" when she was asked for her opinion on Greek Life on campus.

22. This 2006 Class President will be thrilled to find a crossword puzzle in *The Weekly*.

23. In the article on p.1, the Director of Campus Safety jumps out from a shadowy _____.

DOWN

1. This 2008 Class President is bringing The Henry Awards back to their former glory.

3. Coworkers called this GQ manager Bill after our Sept. 22 edition named him 'William Dimmich. We prefer his initials.

4. This student criticized Council for allocating 10,000 dollars for The Henry Awards.

6. If he comes to one of your events, he'll arrive with a bow tie.

7. This event that attempted to raise awareness made the College the trashiest place on earth.

9. Director of *Skin, Hair and Nails* with an organ in his last name.

11. This Student Council Technology Committee Head knows a lot about *The Weekly*'s sore spot: Music Downloading.

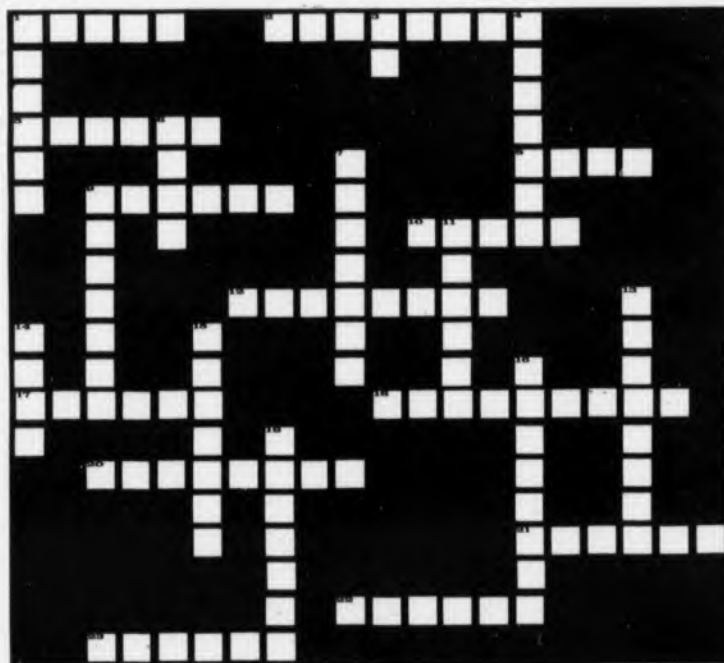
13. The name given to our curly haired president in this edition of *The Weekly*.

14. This Associate Director of Housing Services looks like a cave-man on MCTV's *Cribs*.

15. *The Weekly*'s Editor-in-Chief's bouncy behavior shows that she was a cheerleader for seven years.

16. This Mr. Muhlenberg nominee expresses his mind. At a Council meeting he said "Cocaine use on this campus is ridiculous."

19. This former Editor-in-Chief of *The Weekly* was passionate about wearing tank tops to the gym.



STUDENT COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

As Rose continued to leak information faster than a punctured blimp flying through the air, it became clear that this was indeed the reason why Ross skedaddled from Council.

As Fine-Body watched the room in third-floor Haas College Center become a madhouse, he began to twirl his hair and a small tear ran down his cheek. "I did it," he whispered, causing Lupole to come closer.

"His hair...so beautiful, so curly. It was too much competition." Fine-Body looked at Lupole and said, "I banished Blaine McFeeley [08] to Idaho because his hair was stealing my hair's thunder."

(Later information revealed that McFeeley was holding out on telling Fine-Body what conditioner he was using.)

- Jared Fine-Body,
Student Body
President

With this statement, the room became silent and Lupole seized the moment, bringing in his big guns (as in Tom Dougherty, Assistant Chief of Police) and some high-powered lamps.

"Look, we need to make this easy-peasy people. We just need the facts and then you can continue arguing about Roberts' Rules of Order or whatever it is you do up here for four hours at a time on Thursday nights."

With this said, Lupole spun around and peered into the face of Kim Nguyen '07, Treasurer of Student Council. "What happened to John Jannuzzi [07]?" he thundered.

"I think he joined Girls' Next Door," Nguyen replied. "He was designing their website and I think he just decided to stay. I totally support that and their funding."

"By the way," continued Nguyen (more commonly known as Antarctica), "in the next revision of the Finance Manual, Student Council date parties should totally be given 10,000 dollars like the Henry Awards."

"Yeah," Lupole continued. "Whatever happened to the Levey [Audra Levey '06] girl anyway?"

Rachel Rosenberg '07, Vice President, spilled, "The 4-1-1 on Audra is that she was trying to like, get to the date party or whatever, and she kinda got lost. It was at her house or whatever, but I think she went to pick up 'snacks' after she delivered some letters to the Athletic Department, and well, last we heard she was in Japan."

"Let's go build a bonfire!" screamed Brendan Haney '06, Executive Secretary of Student Council, ice-hockey and bonfire enthusiast. As Council poured into the elevator like rain, he shouted, "Screw the permits!"

"Don't go yet!" shouted Lupole, as he chased Council out onto the library lawn. "I haven't figured out why Neil Freedman [06] left!"

On the lawn, Haney whipped out an industrial-scale blowtorch from his back pocket and fired up the grass. "Burn grass, burn!" yelled Haney.

"Shut up about your damn bonfire!" said Fine-Body, pulling out his big guns and giving Haney a shove that sent him and his blow torch right into the burning pile of wood, igniting the flames even further. "We should be talking about my hair!" yelled Fine.

Suddenly, President Randy Peyton Helm appeared out of the shadows of the library, clutching the library's entire collection of Greek mythology. Chris Catania '06 was close on his heels, screaming, "I know what you did to Neil [Freedman '06] and I think it is a disgrace! Running down to Sig-Ep and frolicking like bunnies in springtime and then strangling him with your polka-dotted bow tie!"

At press time, Lupole released a statement. "Recently, Helm has been taking Ambien for his sleeping disorder and cannot be blamed for any events that happened this night. Unfortunately, Fine-Body can. (I just love those springy curls.) Campus Safety is still investigating the vacancies on Council. Anyone with further information should contact Fine-Body."

TUNNELS

FROM PAGE 1

covered by a rain cloud the Valley gets slammed like the 'Berg's sports teams. The addition of this underground tunnel system should increase class attendance on rainy days.

Statistics show that the College has more injured students than ever before. With the construction of the new tunnel system, *The Weekly* would like to offer a new service for injured students. We will allow injured

students to borrow a rolling chair from our office so that they can be wheeled through the tunnels by their friends. We will be working with Academic Support Services to start a training program for students qualified to push their friends around. This training program will resemble that of the College's acclaimed tutor program.

When asked about the new program, Monica Cocca, Tutorial Coordinator, said, "I'm working to put together a

new program for students to train them to be able to guide their friends through the tunnels in a safe manner."

The project is destined to be completed by next week. Look for an entrance to the tunnel system by next year. Then you can leave your umbrella in your dorm and get from your room to class to the gym and over to Seegers Union to pick up lunch without ever being without a roof to protect you from the rain.



Justin Gerstley '07, who has been trained as a person-mover through *The Weekly* and Academic Support Services, pushes Tiffany Kirk '06 through the new tunnel system.

PHOTO BY SHARK BOY AND LAVA GIRL

Ladies, get ready for registration. A course at the College entitled "Finding Mr. Right" will be available next semester. This course was inspired by a recent study that was done by The College Bored. They put together a list of their findings and released a synopsis of them to *The Weekly*:

The Top Ten Reasons why girls are no longer coming to Muhlenberg to find their bridesmaids, but instead, to find their husbands.

- 1) Guys at Muhlenberg are honest, funny, tall, athletic, handsome, caring and sweet.
- 2) Guys at Muhlenberg call when they say they will and even call just to say that they are thinking of you.
- 3) Guys at Muhlenberg take you out to nice dinners and never, ever cancel at the last minute.
- 4) Guys at Muhlenberg never call you on random Saturday nights after 1:00 a.m. to ask if you "just wanna chill."
- 5) Guys at Muhlenberg don't "play" with one girl when they're already "playing" with another (or several others).
- 6) Guys at Muhlenberg do not give mixed signals--they always just put it right out there.
- 7) Guys at Muhlenberg are really good in bed.
- 8) Guys at Muhlenberg are ready and willing to commit.
- 9) Guys at Muhlenberg will never lie, never cheat and never make their girlfriend jealous.
- 10) Guys at Muhlenberg will never break your heart.

Sign up next semester! Not only is it an easy A,
but you might even meet your Mr. Right.

A very special interview with "that guy in a thong"

The Weekly: First, we would like to start off by thanking you for speaking with *The Weekly*, seeing as you are so busy with Student Council, the Mr. Muhlenberg pageant and being the most well-known senior at the College.

Fine-Body: It is absolutely no problem. Anything for *The Weekly*. But may I just remind you that I am also very popular amongst first-year, sophomore and junior students as well.

TW: Our mistake. So, what is it about you that attracts the ladies (and I'm sure some guys too)?

FB: Well, other than my amazingly tan, buff

body and unique dimples, I would have to say that it would be my curly hair. It's gotta be the hair.

TW: Speaking of the hair, everyone is dying to know what types of products you use?

FB: First I apply some Soul-Glo, then a little mouse to increase the volume. After that I blow-dry it for a bit-until it looks about right, maybe an hour or two, depends on the day. We will just say it's a process, but it does the job.

TW: Yes, yes it does. Thanks again Jared Fine-Body.



Photo courtesy of Ron Jeremy

Helm's most prized possessions are stolen

By Tieless Berger
WEEKLY STYLE SPECIALIST

On the morning of Mar. 27, President Randy Helm reported to the Allentown Police Department (APD) that one thousand of his most precious bow ties were missing. They apparently were stolen the previous night.

Helm said, "I woke up Sunday morning to notice that my dog had one of my bow ties around her neck. This did not startle me right away because I do put them on her occasionally. Yet then I saw at least fifty of them hanging from my trees and I screamed like a little girl and called the police."

The robbers must have been masters of their trade

because neither Helm nor any neighbors reported noises. The burglars apparently entered the house through a downstairs window and quietly made their way to Helm's secret bow tie room. His chests and closets of bow ties were emptied, and there was a trail of them leading back to the College's campus. The trail ended at the entrance to Seegers Union. Bow ties were later found strapped around General Pete's neck as well as the turtle's neck in Parents' Plaza. APD suspects that the crimes were committed by male students living on the first floor of Prosser Hall

because... well, because they're first-year students. These suspicions arose because there were bow ties found hanging out of uri-



It's the bow tie on General Pete.

PHOTO BY YOUR GRANDMA

nals and clogging toilets in the boy's first floor restroom.

The boys living on the first floor of Prosser Hall were questioned this afternoon. A proud, anonymous member of first floor Prosser said, "I was here all night with my boys and I can tell you that we did not steal any ties. We have been framed!"

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, said, "We have just finished searching the boys respective rooms and found marijuana paraphernalia and empty bottles of alcohol. The boys claim

none of these items belong to them. We believe them."

He also said, "Another possible suspect is the entire senior class, seeing as it could be a possible senior prank and a jolly good one at that."

If any bow ties are found on or around campus please return them to Helm's house. APD will be further investigating this bizarre situation and if anyone has any further information on who these peculiar robbers may be please do not hesitate to contact Campus Safety, APD or Jared Fine-Body. Campus Safety requests that the bow ties not be damaged in any way shape or form, seeing as Helm "feels naked without them."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Always smiling	Looks like a day for pink	Reporting on things that matter
High: Hot Low: Hotter	High: 69 Low: 69	High: 911 Low: 911

OFF CAMPUS

"Woody's" burns down; a new one to be erected

Last week The Liberty Street Tavern, a bar located on the corner of Liberty and 23rd Streets, had its old name, Woody's, reinstated.

While construction workers were taking down the sign "Ye Old Tavern" to replace it with a neon green sign which read "WOODY'S: IT'S HARD NOT TO COME," one of the workers slipped on a ladder and fell. As he dropped, he took one of the wires down with him and started an electrical fire.

The fire spread rapidly, especially since all that was inside was alcohol beverages. As soon as word spread about the fire, fans of Woody ran to the bar to get a last slice of their world-famous pizza.

A new Woody's is being erected as soon as possible. They hope to continue serving pizza on the sidewalk.

All criminals, minus one, are jailed

This past week, the city of Allentown, Pa., went on lock-down mode in order to capture all of the criminals in the surrounding area.

All residents were forced to stay in their homes until each rapist, murderer and thief was captured.

It took 48 hours for the Allentown Police Department to put all of the criminals in jail. Since then, criminal activity has been down.

Kids were playing in the playground, people were walking the streets late at night feeling safe and police officers were able to take a vacation.

However, just this afternoon a mysterious male was found on a surveillance tape stealing Soul-Glo from a local supermarket. The only suspect so far is Jared Fine-Body.

Committee bans the use of Facebook

By Pokey McPorkerson
WEEKLY STALKER

As one of his last acts in office, Rudy Ehrenberg, former dean of students, set up a committee to decide whether Facebook should be banned by the College. The committee was forced to decide between limiting students' rights and providing a safer environment for those students. You may have seen representatives of the committee walking the halls, passing out surveys.

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The committee, composed of faculty and students, found that the program creates pockets of security threats around campus and cited as the main example the case of a first-year female student reporting to Campus Police a feeling-up incident at Sigma Phi Epsilon by an upperclassman she "friended" and "poked" on Facebook.

Originally, Facebook was allowed to be brought to the College because it was a website giving access only to members of the college communities, allowing students to contact each other.

Now, with the merging of the college version of Facebook and the high school version of

Facebook, anyone can pose as another person and gain access to private student information.

The College has determined that it will no longer participate in Facebook, and has put in a request directly to Mark Zuckerberg, creator of Facebook, to take the entire College off the website.

Most of the Student Body is either uninformed of the decision to ban Facebook or are in a state of disbelief, and the informed students are voicing their opinions to the campus media.

Jared Fine-Body '06 stated, "I agree that Facebook can be used to stalk and harass students and that it is no longer a website students

can trust. However, I also understand that students have the ability to limit what information they put on Facebook and that Facebook

"The College is only looking out for the students' best interests."

[insert sarcasm here]"

--Jared Fine-Body '06

because of the increasing vulnerability of students, I believe it is now unsafe to use and should be banned. The College is only looking out for the students' best interests."

Jonathon Harris '07 questioned the future of his social life.

"How am I supposed to stalk girls now? They won't even let me near the high schools anymore."

Randy Helm, president of the College, said, "I agree with the committee. If a student wishes to know another student's information they can use the tools already

provided by the College. The College does publish a book of contact information and it also provides some information via the College's website. Safety is one of our primary concerns, and we will do what is necessary to maintain the safety of our students."

Any girl from the Delta Zeta pledge class of '05 would state, "I completely agree with the President and the Committee's assessment of the dangers of Facebook. I get nervous sometimes about Facebook. Some Sig Ep guy who I've never met tried to Facebook stalk me and has repeatedly 'poked' me and sent me messages. I would feel very uncomfortable if I was ever in the same room as Jared Goldstein ['07]."

"Without Facebook how am I ever going to stalk girls?"

--Justin Gerstley '07

Jeremy Hagan '07 stated, "I have always been in disagreement with the entire idea of Facebook. Facebook is a vehicle for lust.

Too many illegitimate relationships are started through Facebook and therefore it is an abomination and Jesus will send all you Facebook users to hell. HELL. HELL. HELL!"

Sara Horowitz '08 angrily said, "The only reason people have Facebook is to boast about the fact that they are in a relationship. People are only getting into relationships in real life because they want to say it on Facebook. I have officially decided that Facebook has become an obsession across campus, and I hate it!"

Jeff Rudski, Associate Professor of Psychology, said, "As a faculty member on Facebook I frequently go

"I HATE IT!"

--Sara Horowitz '08

on to check on my students. I don't think they should ban it because there is a group devoted to me. How else am I supposed to know that I am loved by all of my students?"

Helm expects a large outcry from the Student Body on this issue. He also expects there to be a Student Body Association meeting with very low attendance.

Helm said, "Wait, what is Facebook again? And how do I sign up?"

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A new maid and room service will be offered to all students and faculty at the College

By Lazy Bum
WEEKLY VEG OUT CUSTOMER

As of Apr. 1, a maid and room service will be brought to students at the College, free of charge. The food will be coming in from a catering company called Food Heaven, Inc., located in Allentown, Pa. Due to an overwhelming amount of requests from students over the past few months to have access to a service that will clean their rooms and deliver food right to their doors, President Randy Helm has

finally conceded. "This is, in fact, the Caring College, so we have to make a half-assed attempt to live up to our title and cater to all of the students' wishes and desires," said Helm.

Students who are too lazy to get up and walk the five seconds to eat at General's Quarters or the Garden Room should be extremely pleased with the new room service option. Students need only call to request room service five minutes before they wish to be served and the food will be

brought right to their door. The menu includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack sections that cater to many different taste buds. The dinner menu includes a hearty filet mignon entrée that cannot be found in General's Quarters or in the Garden Room.

Professors also have the option to order room service right to their offices. The menu for professors, however, is slightly different from the menu for students. The lunch and dinner menu for professors includes expensive items such as lobster tails, clams casino, baby back ribs and shrimp cocktails.

The goal of the room service for professors is to make the professors feel at home while they are at work. Of course, professors will be expected to offer students some of their food if they happen

to be eating during office hours when students come in to ask questions.

"I feel that this option is wonderful because now I can have more office hours since I don't have to leave my office anymore to go to lunch," said Dr. Janine Chi, Associate Professor of Sociology/Anthropology.

The maid service is the second service offered to students at the College. Students need only call the service five minutes before they need the maid to stop by and s/he will be there in five minutes, guaranteed. The maid will pick up clothes from the floor, clean bathrooms in Taylor Hall, organize closets and dresser drawers and will vacuum the floors. These services are all provided free of charge to students.

These two services are one of the College's

attempts to make the students feel that the money their parents spend each year for the College is worth it. "I am so happy about the maid service. I already have the laundry service, so having a maid pick my clothes up after me would be icing on the cake. I know I am spoiled, but whatever. The point is that I am happy, which was Muhlenberg's goal in this endeavor," said Pete Zerelli '09.

That's not all! Professors also have the option to have their offices cleaned by the maid service. The goal is to help them organize their desks and create more shelf space for the books they need to perform their research. This organization will save the professors precious time that they might have spent trying to tidy up. This time will allow them to get more grading done faster.

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- 2) Write sexy
- 3) Be sexy

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Males contact: Female editor a.k.a. the Queen

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 20 - Failure to Invite - Three seniors were found outside drinking alcoholic beverages. Campus Safety walked up to the individuals and asked them if they could join in the fun. When the students said no, Campus Safety contacted the Allentown Police Department (APD) and the individuals were arrested.

Mar. 20 - Drinking - An individual over the age of 21 was found drinking in his room and was immediately arrested. According to Campus Safety, no college students, no matter what age, should be drinking. College is a time for learning.

Mar. 21 - Compulsive Eating - A student took too many toppings on their frozen yogurt in the Garden Room,

causing Sodexo workers to have to refill the toppings. This student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 21 - Unattractive Individual - An individual whom Campus Safety described as "funny-looking" and "difficult on the eyes" was arrested by APD for not looking good enough to meet the College standards.

Mar. 22 - Justin Gerstley '07 fell up the stairs; Justin Gerstley received 3000 dollars worth of parking tickets; Justin Gerstley '07 walked into Victor's Lament, injuring his entire body and denting the statue. A refrigerator fell "from the sky," hitting a parked car belonging to Justin Gerstley '07. Ben Jackson '07 is being questioned. This is the sec-

ond incident involving Gerstley's car and a refrigerator. Justin Gerstley '07 was arrested for attempting to steal a computer from *The Weekly* office; Justin Gerstley '07 was suspected of attempting to steal all of the food out of General Quarters. Justin Gerstley '07 was sent to the Judicial Process for giving really bad advice to everyone he knows, especially Sara Horowitz '08.

Mar. 22 - Walking Slowly - A student was found at approximately 8:25 a.m. walking slowly to an 8:30 a.m. class. Campus Safety was driving behind the student at the time and they were concerned that the student would not make it to class on time. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 23 - Missing Person - Two individual students reported that their mutual friend was missing in action. The individuals later found out that their friend had been shopping at the mall, having a great time without them.

Mar. 24 - Working Out - Three students were found walking to the gym to exercise at approximately 10:00 p.m., instead of partying like normal college students do on Friday nights. The individuals were all arrested by APD.

Mar. 24 - Person Found - Sarah Smith '07 was found sleeping outside the Delta Tau Delta house. She was carried back in by Campus Safety and then returned to South Hall, where she resides.

Mar. 25 - Pool Water Problem - A student cannonballed into the pool inside the Life Sports Center, and so much water came out of the pool that it had to be refilled. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 26 - Early Bedtime - While Campus Safety was roaming the halls in Martin Luther Hall, they peered into a student's room and noticed he was asleep at 8:30 p.m. Since this bedtime is completely unacceptable at the College, Campus Safety notified APD and the individual was arrested.

Mar. 26 - Injured Student - Jamie Schneider '08 fell while walking down Academic Row, breaking both her feet, again. She was rescued by a golf cart.

WEEKLY

*Life!***"Death will be a great relief. No more interviews."****- Katherine Hepburn**

The College adds some punch to its empowerment program

By Trixie Poles
WEEKLY VETERAN SHOWGIRL

The dance studio of Brown Hall was a buzz of activity on Fri., Mar. 24, at 9:00 p.m., as over 25 girls and guys lined up in front of the long, horizontal mirror. Students were instructed to come in comfy, flexible clothing, as their physical workout was going to take some intense moves and unique strengthening positions.

This class was no normal class. As part of the College's self-empowerment program, three different kinds of self-reliance and confidence workshops will take place over the next few weeks right up until the Monday of finals week. Held every Wednesday and Friday, these classes have become quite popular among the student population due to its fresh approach to self- and body-consciousness. (Jared Fine-Body.)

The first type of class focuses on basic self-defense moves taught by local Tai Kwan Do teacher Jack Mores. A teacher of this fine art for over 12 years, Mores wanted to start his own school and in his spare time help college students "feel as self-confident and assured in their safety as I did."

He claims that in Tai Kwan Do an increased sense of responsibility, organization and overall discipline is translated through the teachings.



Lily Hatfield '07 demonstrates some of the skills learn during The S Factor program to the class.

COURTESY OF LILY'S LOVER

"You come out a better person overall," he said, "both physically, mentally and spiritually."

Located in the center of Allentown, Pa. Mores' Tai Kwan

Do is easily accessible by car. The self-defense moves will teach students basic tips on how to defend themselves if attacked or provoked. None of the moves require unusual

strength; as no previous training is required, all skill levels are invited to participate. The College believes that by making self-defense classes such as Tai Kwan Do open and available to students, it will help the Student Body find focus for their schoolwork and clarity for the road ahead.

The next class is a bit more risqué and many are surprised that the College would even consider sponsoring such a program. Yet its rave reviews by media and students alike gave the College a reason to reconsider and add it to the empowerment program. The class will mirror The S Factor, a video created by Sheila Kelley, an actress turned strip-teaser for the film *Dancing at the Blue Iguana*. Kelley underwent a physical and mental change while preparing for the film due to the emotional release and freedom allowed by the type of movement she was doing.

Kelley promises that the program will empower and enlighten those who try it and leave them with beautifully sculpted bodies. Bring those platform shoes, ladies, (and men, you can too). The S Factor class promises to inspire and evoke feelings of sexual and personal power, leaving you with more confidence than ever. Beginning pole dancing and striptease lessons will be taught.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT SPRING?



"Short skirts!"

- Apple Filled Spice Doughnut



"Shirt-less Jared Fine body.. maybe even in a thong!"

- Chocolate Frosted Doughnut with Sprinkles



"Overdosing on Allegra!"

- Glazed Doughnut



"Cleavage!"

- Chocolate Frosted Doughnut



"Wind!"

- Chocolate Frosted Kringler

Compiled by King Doughnut Hole

'Berg boys are a bust

By Judge #1

WEEKLY MR. MUHLENBERG PANELIST

The Mr. Muhlenberg pageant, which took place on Mar. 22, proved to be a bit different than usual. Yes, the same events were held in which obliging young men made absolute fools of themselves, some while under the influence of alcohol. Yes, the MCs attempted to engage the audience with sexual innuendos and skimpy bathing suits. But this year, the pick of contestants was more scant and less than endearing.

Looking at the selection of eight men, I couldn't help but think, "These are the men we have chosen to represent our college?" Although there were eight of them, perhaps there was 1 and 3/4 of a good guy if you pushed them all together. From pelvic-thrusting the audience and judges, to chugging a gallon of milk and vomiting half of it back up, to just being an ass, these were deemed to be the College's "finest;" this begs the question: finest what?

There were even rumors that a fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau, rigged the event after Rob Brennan '07, who originally placed third, was given first place and crowned Mr.

Muhlenberg. To follow that shocker, John Dunphy '06 placed second, probably due to his whale and super soaker get-up that represented swimwear. And Ryan Curtis '09, the kid who probably best demonstrated what Mr. Muhlenberg is supposed to represent, initially received first, later being ousted to third as Brennan took the crown.

Why all the awards mix-ups? How did Brennan and Dunphy manage to place? Who were the boys lining the walls with Phi Kappa Tau letters blazoned on their chests as if they were waiting for some kind of trouble or chaos to break out? It all seems a bit suspicious and bizarre and possibly could be looked into for further understanding.

But this is one thing I will never understand: why do we even have this competition where boys prance around in thongs and swimsuits, showing many different types of bulges that not everyone wants to see unless you are Jared Fine-Body. And unless you are him, where's the fun in that?



Rob Brennan '07 celebrates his wanky win.

"MF" PHOTO BY MAX LUX

Cheesey's Midwest-style really MOOOves people

By The Stinky Cheeseman
WEEKLY CHEESE CONOISSEUR

Finding a restaurant in Allentown, Pa. that is different from all the normal chains and can still fit into the college student's budget can be difficult. Luckily, there is a new restaurant that just opened, is guaranteed to fit any budget and offers an experience that you can't find anywhere else. Cheesey's, open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., can be found right next to The King George Inn.

The only way to describe this restaurant is saying it's a little bit country, a little bit Wisconsin. Barb Shank, who owns Cheesey's along with her husband Walt, told me that they moved out to Pennsylvania from Oconomowoc, Wisc. with the hopes that their restaurant will have more success in an area where it would be original.

She greets customers at the door with the customary Wisconsin Cheese hat and, if you're lucky enough to celebrate a special occasion there, or are from the Midwest, she's willing to part with one of

those cheese hats that line the walls. Along with the cheese hats there is a large plastic cow that seems to dominate the room. If anything, it's worth it just to go see "Margaret," who is named after a pet cow they had to give up when they moved.

The decor is quaint but don't let that fool you because their food is amazing. There is corn on a stick or a pickle on a stick as well as the more typical mozzarella sticks for appetizers. Barb tells me that the most popular one so far seems to be their assorted cheese platter complete with sausage on the side.

The normal kid's food, such as corndogs, hamburgers or mac and cheese are available, but adults can expect more typical Wisconsin foods such as their Friday night fish fry (beer battered, of course), served with potatoes, which you

can order any night but is all you can eat on Fridays.

They also serve some of the most amazing cuts of beef. Try any cut of meat and I'll guarantee you'll be happy. A complete meal for two will run you around 20 dollars, depending on if you order any alcohol and, if you do, I would suggest something off of their extensive Midwestern Beer list like their Jared Fine-Body.

I couldn't have been happier with my dinner at Cheesey's and hope that their business booms so everyone can experience this restaurant. Head out there soon!

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Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10

L. B. T. III - The Time of Great Giving

Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

L. B. T. IV - Journey Through the Mists

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

Land Before Time V - The Mysterious Island

Sun. 2:45, 4:45, 7:10

L.B. T. VI - The Secret of Saurus Rock

Fri. 9:30

L.B. T. VII - The Stone of Cold Fire

Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Land Before Time VIII - The Big Freeze

Fri. 4:30

L. B.T. VIII - Journey to Big Water

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

L. B. T. X - The Great Longneck Migration

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

L. B. T. XI - The Invasion of the Tinysauruses

Sat. 4:30, 6:30, 11:00

Some last splurts of wisdom for your ready pleasure

By Christina Liciaga Remix
WEEKLY NOSTALGIA/SEX EXPERTS

Hold onto your knickers (be it briefs, boxers, thongs--yes, Jared Fine-Body, that would be directed towards you--or edible). Some of you may remember a simpler time at the College, a time when an explicit sex column was just another read in *The Weekly*. To send everyone down memory lane and to give the first-years a mini-glance at what was, here's a nice little remix, a few last splurts of wisdom. So put on that cranberry teddy, light up some candles, put on some smooth jazz and relax. Just take your time, take it slow, because this is all you're gonna get for a long time.

Okay, so let's start off with the act of seduction. This is the most basic knowledge that you need because without it, you've got noth-

ing. Just remember: if you don't seduce, you won't produce. Here are a few tips to keep those juices flowing...outward. Jared Fine-Body

1) For the ladies--boost your confidence by boosting your bosom. It's a fact of life--from first glance, the gentlemen love the mammaries. Stuff those puppies into a jewel-hued brassiere and take those ladies out for a night on the town--the boys will start to quiver.

2) For the few men at the College --don't be such assholes. 'Nuff said.

3) If your regular bag of tricks still has you down, spice things up by fulfilling your partner's wildest fantasies. Ladies, you better be willing to stick some doughnuts on your ears and wear a gold bikini. Men, grab that black leather belt and start getting creative.

Next is that all-important question: is size all that important? Guys, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but size really DOES matter. So find that ruler from eighth grade and start sweating again.

However, just because you're well endowed, doesn't mean that you're

good to go. If the smallest nubbin puts forth more effort than the biggest piece this side of the Mississippi, the munchkin will still get

brownie points for trying. So deflate that big head, pick up a manual and learn how to use it, not abuse it. And speaking of which, stop being so needy. Maybe you missed that day in kindergarten, but it is not all about you. It's about give and take, it's about compromise. In the long run, this will provide you with more long runs (hint,

hint, nudge, nudge).

And what else could end this blast from the past but a few last thoughts on female masturbation? Women understand that if they want something done right, they have to take matters into their own hands (or electronic devices). In case you have forgotten, there is a plethora of ways to get the job done. You've got your dildos, your back massagers (as Samantha so helpfully pointed out in *Sex and the City*) and don't forget what your momma gave you--your good old-fashioned hand.

Take these nuggets of wisdom and put them in your treasure chest because after this, you're officially cut off. And Muhlenberg, it's a bumpy ride, so don't forget to buckle up and pay for insurance. Unless you want someone to get a womb with a view, be safe. That's how I roll. Word to your mother. Peace.

IN THE NUDE

Jason Klein: *The next Comedy comeback king*

By the Gingerbread Girl
WEEKLY LIFE! COOKIE

Graduates of the College are known throughout the United States to be some of the most successful men and women in the world today. And although we are also modest, there is a recent

graduate who must be mentioned. Jason Klein '05 has hit the Midwest big time!

Those who know Klein best say that he tends to be a little shy sometimes and isn't always in the spotlight, but when it comes to comedy, for some reason he just shines. When Klein first came here to the

College, he started his comedy career off with a bang. Klein often performed in The Red Door, opened for some of the College's bands and did his routine for many of the school's talent shows.

According to the College's small comedy fanbase, Klein was the most popular 'funny man' on campus. Klein didn't just perform for people in shows though. With a little persuading and some help from some special "fruit punch" he would often try out some of his new jokes at the parties he attended. Though you might not have pictured him as a comic when you first met him, Klein dominated the comedy scene. Jared Fine-Body.

Everyone knows that really talented artists have ups and down and, like a good artist, Klein has had some dry spells in his career. During his senior year, Klein didn't have many performances on campus--no spontaneous party jokes, no scheduled events to satisfy his underclassmen following.

It was this unfortunate time where he only worked on things like writing for the TV show *Punked*, trying out for *Saturday Night Live*, getting a manager (his friend and fellow 'Berg graduate Jared Lander '03) and maintaining his website.

Now that Klein is out in the real world he's gotten back on track. He's given up on New York and even New Jersey and has moved out to the Midwest where he is making

himself known where it really matters: Waterloo, Iowa. He's been seen

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Jason Klein '05 performs a classic party routine.

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A detached arm holds Jason Klein '05 from performing.

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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

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Initial feelings of self-consciousness may pop up for beginners, but Kelley assures that as the lessons go on, increased feelings of accomplishment and confidence in your body and self will replace any inadequacies.

The final class taught in the empowerment program will be a series of lectures taught by local psychologists on the best way to handle conflict and confrontation. A similar but smaller program was held last year, but was mostly directed toward the Greek organizations on campus. It was called "Confronting the Idiot in Your Chapter" and was taught by

T.J. Sullivan.

These lectures will cover everything from discussing a problem with your roommate to dealing with misunderstandings and conflicts with your boss. They will teach you to handle your situations with professionalism and understanding while maintaining your position and proving your point.

Overall, the empowerment program that was offered proved to be a promising venture that will hopefully bring out more student participation than anything before. No one should miss this; everyone can benefit from this style of learning. For more information, call the Student Activities Office. Space is limited.



One confident dancer (who prefers to remain anonymous) shows what the empowerment program has taught her.

PHOTO BY SHERO

KLEIN | FROM PAGE 12

at all the local downtown bars and is again gathering quite the following of underclassmen at Allen College in center city Waterloo.

If you're looking for tips to break into the comedy scene from Klein, he can be contacted at www.jasonkleincomedy.com, though it is important to take note that informa-

tion on the site is from 2004 so contacting him could be difficult.

One can only hope that now that Klein has become successful, his career will only continue to grow and flourish. His next plans include moving onto cities like Des Moines, Iowa; St. Paul, Minn.; or Madison, Wisc. Look for him there. He will be found in local bars, flirting with loose women.

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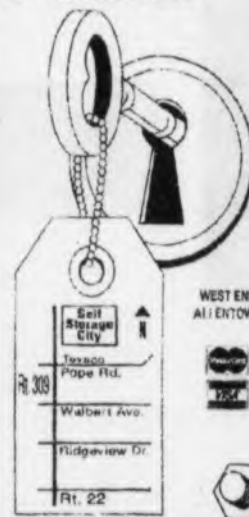
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Bunnies have a bad side

By ATO
WEEKLY HAZING EXPERT

Over the past month the College's athletic teams joined Greek Life and Student Council as targets for hazing allegations. The track and field, field hockey and women's soccer teams will face Judicial Review next week.

In early February, Sam Beidleman, director of athletics and interim dean of students, approached track and field Head Coach Brad Hackett to inform him of an anonymous email sent to the Athletic Department. In the email, the writer described an incident involving Academic Row, thongs and inappropriate use of relay batons. No further information could be released, but people who were mentioned as being part of the incident were immediately taken out of practice and questioned.

Recognizing the seriousness of the allegations, the Athletic Department conducted investigations into other sports. When searching through the women's locker room after receiving an anonymous

tip, investigators found several photos incriminating the upperclassmen of both the women's soccer and field hockey teams. An inside source revealed that over ten pictures depicted field hockey underclassmen bent over in front of the goal net with their pants down while upperclassmen shot balls toward their derriere. In one of the pictures, the field hockey goal was lined up next to a soccer goal and the upperclassmen of both teams were shooting their respective balls at their underclassmen. The photos seemed to imply a competition based on how many freshmen players went down.



Caught in the act. Tradition, Tradition!

PHOTO BY STALKER STEPHEN

men on the men's lacrosse team were seen showering their underclassmen and Senior Jared Fine with giant jugs of iced tea, which may explain why iced tea was missing from the lawn picnic last fall. Let's hope they can get out of it before facing Johns Hopkins University next year.

As for other student-athletes, please stop your hazing activities until investigations conclude so that the College can continue its athletic status.

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ed at the College well before his graduation in 1982, Auriemma replied, "Really? I guess I just never crossed the street."

The College's men's basketball team will face a tough Scotty Wood opponent in the finals next year. If they can beat Bryn Mawr College's women's basketball team in the first round, they will face the winner of the Duke University/Gonzaga University first-round match-up. Hoping to face Gonzaga in the Scotty Wood Championship, Junior Jeff Stewart said, "I really want to play against Morrison."

Junior superstar Adam Morrison, who is a Naismith Trophy Finalist this season, will be in his final year. "It'll be my best chance to get his autograph," added Stewart. "Maybe I can even get some of his sweat on me."

The softball team, who has one of the most successful programs in the College's history, is looking forward to facing the toughest competition in the game.

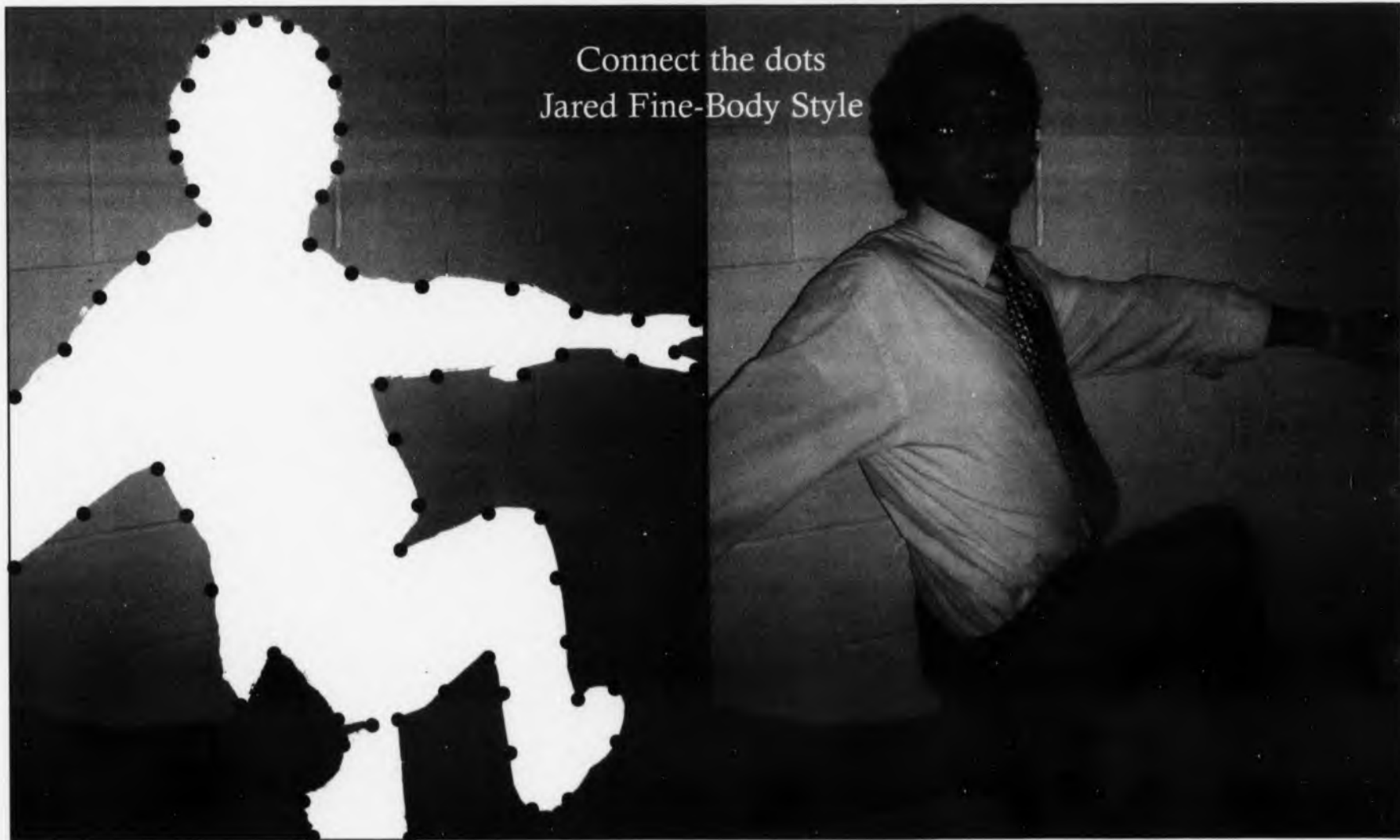
"I know we can make it to the NCAA championship," said Ruth Gibbs, Head Coach. "If we can keep our heads in the game and our feet moving, we can do it."

The men's lacrosse team will get a jump on the tough competition as it convinced the Johns Hopkins University team to scrimmage them before Conference playoffs this year. "It will be a tough game, but a worthwhile experience," said Junior Steve Toto.

"If for nothing else, our College will finally be recognized," said Senior Jared Fine. "This will put us on the map."

Moving a mediocre Division III athletic program to face tough Division I schedules will certainly put the College on the map, but the reputation may not be what the College expects.

Connect the dots
Jared Fine-Body Style



Asses are kicked, bunnies are in

By Roger Rabbit
WEEKLY SEX FIEND

A recent study has proven that there is a direct correlation between athletic prowess and sexual activity. This could be the main factor behind the College's sudden and unexplained retirement of their mascot, the sterile Mule, for the sex god of the animal kingdom, the bunny. In fact, the College decided that it was not enough to simply adopt the animal who appears in phrases such as

"humped like bunnies," but they needed the most sexual bunny of all, Hef's bunny, the Playboy bunny. If humping is what we need to turn this College's program around, then why not advocate it with a change of mascot?

This study is nothing to be scoffed at if you look at the statistics. The women's basketball team, for example, is very sexually active. I cannot go into details, but let's just say I know them on a personal basis.

The men's soccer team, the only other team

worth their sweat, have been known to drink and party by themselves without women. And for those on the team who are straight, they are so hot that they are definitely getting laid. I mean, seriously, have you been to their soccer games? Drunk freshmen girls there are ripe for the picking. Yes, I know it strangely resembles Sig Ep.

On a more serious note, Sam Beidleman, director of athletics and interim dean of students, commented that this was no joking matter. "Desperate times call for desperate measures" Beidleman said. "Our teams suck so badly. Things have gotten so bad that *The Weekly* has actually had to report on ice hockey, and men's and women's golf. Seriously though, since when did golf become a sport?"

For any parents who are worried about the College's sudden interest in increasing the sexual voracity of our athletes, President Randy Helm consulted with Senior Jared Fine and has submitted this disclaimer: "All sports teams were polled and asked about this change in mascot."

After being shown the statistics of their seasons, or, in other words, a paper with a large "Suckers" written on it, they unanimously agreed to ditch the Mule and embrace the bunny. They were all given a lecture on safe sex and a coupon to Costco for condoms. The wrestling team was told that man-to-man contact is acceptable as long as they kept it up at a steady rate. Considering they lost almost every freaking match, they better trade their coupons for more lube.

Parents, do not fret. This is the Caring College and caring is sharing. So fellow bunnies, share your bodies, if not for yourselves, then so we can win a damn game or two.



Bunny offers sexual healing once the seductive smell of the lawn on the shoe attracts it to the track star's wings.

PHOTO BY HERMES

Facebook forces competition among students of the College

By Someone Needsalife
WEEKLY HACKER

"The Facebook," an interactive social tool, was introduced to students at the College in Nov. 2004. Upon joining Facebook, students have the option of creating a profile that includes their interests, favorite quotes, major and relationship status.

"I'll never forget the day I signed onto Facebook," Junior Jessica Morreale blissfully remembered. "As I uploaded my picture, my computer screen acquired an alluring glow."

Within months of Facebook being introduced to the College, the faculty began to complain to Senior Jared Fine-Body. Students had incorporated Facebook into their everyday lives. "Facebook is taking over the school," Jeff Rudski, Associate Professor of Psychology, complained. "It has become impossible to walk from one part of campus to another

without tripping over a student posing for a Facebook picture."

Campus Safety has its own set of concerns for Facebook. "It's more of a stalker manual than the Muhlenberg phone directory," officers complained. "Since there is no hope of getting students to deactivate their accounts, we have decided to take matters into our own hands by making it an official Muhlenberg sport."

Membership rates in sports teams at the College have dropped significantly since the introduction of Facebook. A popular explanation on campus is that it is physically impossible for athletes to participate in the sports they once did because their muscles have atrophied from spending an excessive amount of time sitting in front of the computer checking their Facebook account.

Introducing Facebooking as a competitive sport will allow students to maintain the competitive

edge of other sports while catatonically sitting in front of their computers.

Sam Beidleman, director of athletics and interim dean of students, has recently been named "Captain Facebook." It is his job to maintain a "master account" that monitors the friend count of the more than 2100 Facebook team members. The total count is tallied weekly within the new Facebook Office in the Life Sports Center, formerly known as the weight room. "The total 'friend count' of students at the College will be compared to the friend count of students at other colleges in the Lehigh Valley. A champion College will be crowned in mid-May."

"We are taking the friend count of our students very seriously," said Captain Facebook. Winning the title of "Facebook Champion" reflects the likelihood for success and also reflects the prosperity of the College as a whole."

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work out."

In addition to the new clothing, the Life Sports Center is implementing a hydration rule stating for every 20 minutes that a student spends on any of the machines in the gym at least ten ounces of water must be consumed, preferably more if the students are in the cardio loft. Rounds will be made by personnel to ensure that rules are being followed.

"Well, I would be in favor of the water rule," said Senior Mike Tentindo, "But I recently drank too much water because I'm too addicted to juice."

Some students may find it depressing that the gym seems to be growing stricter, but the Life Sports Center insists that all of these are precautions for the safety of the College's students. The Life Sports Center hopes that this new dress code will succeed in bringing more students to the gym because it is a much healthier alternative than previous standards not because of the excess skin students may be showing. The College's students are above such trivialities. "The dress code is amazing," said Senior Brendan Haney. "I won't overheat and it cuts down on my laundry's weight. I can use my quarters to take my girlfriend out too."

Besides, if anyone has a problem or is uncomfortable with the new standards of dress, he or she may wait to use the gym until winter when more clothing will be required.

The Weekly 2005-2006 BEST SPORTS PICTURES



"Shake your ass. Watch yourself.
Shake your ass. Show me what your
workin' with."

PHOTO BY MYSTIKAL



That bunny died there. I killed
it.

PHOTO BY B-DWAG



I think someone farted. Was it
Justin?

PHOTO BY CHRIS JACHOMOWICZ



Who caged the bunny and gave him the
camera?

PHOTO BY BUGS BUNNY



Fear the bunny.

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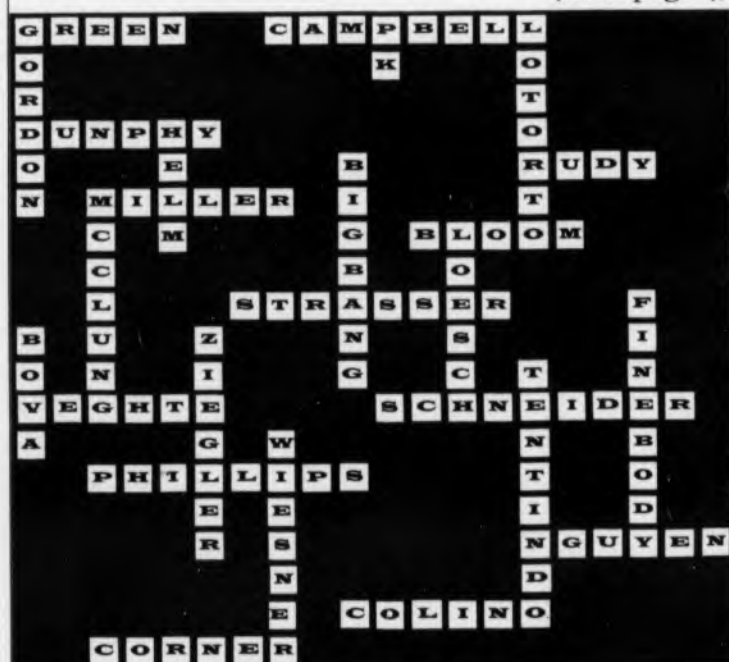


Dale, this is for stealing my Magic Hat at Woody's last Saturday night.

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Muhlenberg becomes Division I

By Dick Vitale

WEEKLY LEGENDARY SPORTS ANNOUNCER

Due to Senior Jared Fine-Body's recollection of the men's soccer and women's basketball teams' success during the 2005-2006 seasons, the College's athletic program accelerated their Division III status straight to Division I.

"Both teams did so well that we, the administration, are willing to sacrifice the performance of other programs so these teams face challenges next year," said Sam Beidleman, director of athletics and interim dean of students.

Though both teams did not make it far in the NCAA tournament during their seasons, the fact that they made it shows the vast improvement that one year can make. In the course of a year, the men's soccer team went from a 9-7-3 season last year to 13-6 and became Centennial Conference Champions this year. The improvement in women's basketball is even more astonishing as they went from an 11-14 record last year without making it to the Conference Tournament to this year's successful 26-3 record and Conference Championship.

"If both teams continue to

improve at the rate they did this year, then no competitor could pose a tough match-up in this division," said Beidleman. "Other teams will benefit from the move, too, like football, softball and men's basketball."

The Athletic Department is in the process of matching up all athletic teams with the big names in the sports. Currently, the football program already has a match-up against Pennsylvania State University for the Homecoming Game next year. When asked why the Penn State athletic program made the game a reality, an unknown source from Penn State's staff said, "We thought it was a joke. I haven't even heard of Mullenberg."

Similar reactions came from University of Connecticut's men's and women's basketball teams. "I had no idea that they even had an athletic program," said women's basketball's Head Coach Geno Auriemma. "I have definitely heard of that school though. I actually went there, but not for sports. I was a theatre major."

When told that sports have exist-

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UCONN Coach Geno Auriemma showed his theatre talent when he attended the College as a student.

Photo courtesy of the Theatre Department

Athletic student bodies are revealed



Students at the College model proper attire for the new Life Sports Center guidelines.

PHOTO BY HUGH HEFFNER

By Jenna Jameson
WEEKLY PORN STAR

The Life Sports Center has recently implemented a new dress code for gym use. Now, students must be properly attired before being allowed to use the machines.

According to the new specifications, students must now wear either shorts, thigh-highs and tank tops (for females) or cutoff shorts, jeans and sleeveless shirts (for males) only. This dress code has been allowed due to the fact that in warmer weather, overheating due to clothing is more likely. These new clothing specifications, described Senior Jared Fine-Body, will allow the student's skin more of a chance to breathe and reduce any chances of overheating.

"I took this job to ensure the safety of the students," said an older

woman working in the Life Sports Center. "If I wanted to see a strip show, I would go to PKT's pole dancing competition. I won that one year, ya know."

To ensure that students are complying with the new standards, they will be thoroughly inspected to make sure they meet the gym's requirements. Anyone not adequately attired will be given a two-day suspension and will not be allowed to return to the gym until that suspension expires (not even to use the elusive change machines).

"I don't mind the penalties if we don't follow the rules," said Junior Lex Mercado. "Clothes are too restricting. I like to dance naked because I like to allow my creative juices to flow even more when I

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Dress Upon a Star gives dresses to local teens

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College hosted the Dress Upon a Star program this past weekend, with a turnout of about 250 people in total. The program, previously called the Glass Slipper Project, benefits local young women who need formal dresses but cannot afford them.

Dee Ross '06, Sabrina Krum '06 and Lisa Kowalski '06 headed up the event and about 20 students at the College volunteered their time to help with the program. Ross said, "The program improved greatly since last year. Recruitment was much stronger and that was spearheaded by Valerie Lane [Director of Community Service.] Our budget was larger because of a donation from Student Council and this year we had an entire year to work on the project instead of just a semester."

Last year, the project was on a much smaller scale,



Girls from the community show off their success with the project.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DEE ROSS

only 78 girls came for dresses. This year, far more dresses and accessories were donated and around 180 area teens attended. There were twice as many dresses and gift certificates as last year.

Lane used her local connections with Casa Guadeloupe, Big Brothers Big Sisters, CUNA, Project

Impact and local high schools and middle schools in order to guarantee a large turnout. Many different community and extracurricular clubs, high schools and middle schools were invited to attend and select dresses.

Dresses were collected

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Organizations participate in nationwide philanthropy event

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Between Mar. 20 and Mar. 31, organizations at the College such as SHARE (Students Have a Real Effect), Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Comunidad Latina and Delta Zeta Sorority, participated in a nationwide activity to increase awareness for the low-income housing project.

These groups have collected popsicle sticks and asked members to sign their names on the sticks. After this, the popsicle sticks were

glued together to form a house and each group had their picture taken with those who signed the sticks.

These photos were sent to Rick Santorum, the Republican Senator of Pennsylvania, who requested that the houses be sent along with the signatures, be they individual sticks or those assembled into the form of a house.

Lari Luckenbill '06 of Delta Zeta explained that, "students across the country are participating in this event."

Luckenbill added that her entire sorority, a total of

over seventy girls, attended this activity. She said that "It was a really great, really easy way to get involved."

"It would be nice," Luckenbill explained, "if people who couldn't afford housing could get housing more affordable for the economic bracket they fall into."

Carolyn Whitcomb '07, president of SHARE, asked the students who arrived at the last SHARE meeting to participate in this activity. "We actually just got the

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The College supports the DeMarzo family

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Efforts continue this weekend at the College to show support for Tara DeMarzo '06. DeMarzo, the victim of a severe automobile accident on Nov. 2, 2005, has incurred high medical costs in intensive outpatient therapy. In the spirit of the benefit's slogan, "Desire. Dedication. DeMarzo.," members of the College and the Allentown business community have dedicated time and planning to raise money for the DeMarzo family to help offset the high cost of her medical care.

Since Monday, a wide range of campus organizations including Student Council and DeMarzo's sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, have been selling tee-shirts, Henry Awards Campus Benefit Ball tickets and raffle tickets in their effort to support the DeMarzo family.

The ball following the Henry Awards on Apr. 8, is advertising a suggested donation of five dol-

lars for tickets. Raffle prizes include dinner for two in the Haas Bell Tower, becoming president of the College for a day and a grand-prize vacation getaway. Sales for the Benefit Ball and raffle tickets are expected to continue through Apr. 7.

"We felt that it would be a great way to both honor and support Tara, as well as help her family overcome their challenges," said Scott Gordon '08, Chairman of the Henry Awards Committee. "The campus-wide campaign that is taking

place to support Tara is characteristic of Muhlenberg's caring community nature."

Liberty Street Tavern has also joined the benefit for DeMarzo and will donate a portion of profits from sales made on Apr. 6, to her family. Fifty percent of all pizza purchases and a third of all beer pitcher sales will be donated directly to the DeMarzos.

"A large number of our clientele are Muhlenberg students. We heard about the tragedy, were approached about the benefit and are only happy to participate," commented Greg Russoli, owner of Liberty Street Tavern.

Religious life on campus has dedicated its support to the DeMarzo benefit and will participate in fundraising. In addition to raffle ticket sales, Hillel will also sell chocolate at the Benefit Ball as part of their "Kisses for Tara" contribution.

"It's only natural for religious life to get involved. A lot of people at Hillel may not know Tara but still feel the need to help," remarked Sherri Spector '09, Vice President of Social Action for Hillel.

Before her accident, DeMarzo was a standout on the softball team at the College. Fittingly, proceeds from the sale of concessions and other fundraisers at the softball game against Franklin and Marshall College on Apr. 8, will go toward the DeMarzo family. Concessions and fundraisers

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Effort for DeMarzo shows that the College still cares

"Desire. Dedication. DeMarzo." These signs pepper the campus, a testament to its dedication to one cause and one person. Tara DeMarzo '06 is an exceptional woman who participated in many organizations on campus, including women's softball, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and *The Weekly*. DeMarzo is the model of an involved College student, reaching out and participating in any event that interested her. However, DeMarzo was in a serious car accident that forced her to leave the College in the middle of her senior year. In DeMarzo's time of need, the College has become what it has always said it should be: The Caring College.

In the Winter 2001 edition of *The Muhlenberg Magazine*, Art Scavone '81 defined what it means to be a Caring College: "There exists also the implication that someone will actually care, and care deeply, about issues of student success or failure; that the College will truly extend itself regularly on behalf of students that students at Muhlenberg will find themselves at the center of everything the College does."

The organizations and people on campus here have truly extended themselves in this effort. The softball team has joined with SHARE and they have joined with Alpha Chi Omega and the Student Council Henry Awards Committee; everyone has come together to organize events including a pizza night and a senior pub night (tonight), the Henry Awards Ball (Apr. 8) and a softball tournament (Apr. 23).

While the College, as a whole, raised over 7,000 dollars for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, very few organizations worked together. In this effort, the College Community has bonded together, working as a College to raise money for one of our own. This effort has truly impressed us.

In the past year, many students, faculty and administrators have expressed concern that the College has changed over the last four years, becoming less and less the Caring College. While we agree that the College is not the same place we visited as nervous high school seniors, the people who organized the events at the College prove that even if the atmosphere has changed, the College Community still cares.

To the Editor:

After reading Rick Cohen's article, "Henry Awards stir up controversy," in the Mar. 23, 2006 edition of *The Weekly*, my dreams for the future of journalistic integrity were shattered.

Henry Awards article deceptive

Unfortunately, Cohen's article was largely inflammatory and full of misinformation.

I knew I should have stopped reading when the beginning of the article offensively asked "What the hell are the

Henry Awards anyway?"

The mocking tone of the piece continued throughout, as Cohen urged us to elect different Student Council representatives based on incorrect figures that seem to find their basis in rumor.

As the Managing Editor of *The Advocate* and a media-communication major, I understand the importance of doing my homework before writing any piece, as thoughtful evidence is key to a sound argument. Cohen claims that Student Council allocated 16,000 dollars to the Henry Awards both in the beginning and end of his article.

He decides to change his facts somewhere in

the middle, however, mentioning that they are actually spending 9,828 dollars--the correct number. He goes back and forth, confusing the reader with talks of cost-cutting. The fact is that 9,828 dollars is the actual amount being spent.

He also goes on to state that the Henry Awards Committee has received 5000 dollars from Student Activities, when in fact it was 500 dollars. A misplaced zero can make a big difference!

If students or other organizations on campus are still upset by these figures, I suggest tackling the overwhelming sense of student apathy and attending a Student Council meeting! If you are concerned about funds for an event, you should discuss your needs with the Student Council Finance Committee as early as possible to ensure support for your cause. Other departments on campus are also often willing to raise funds for various organizations.

More specifically, if members of the freshman and sophomore classes are up in arms about the amount of money being spent, it is because they were not students in the previous years when the Henry Awards were a significant, widely publicized and attended event.

During this time, the Student Council had

allotted a substantial amount of money to support the ceremony. Thus, more funds are needed from Council this year to bring the awards back to their standard of excellence. After a successful run, the Student Council could then add room in the budget with additional aid from academic departments to continue the occasion year after year.

If students or other organizations on campus are still upset by these figures, I suggest tackling the overwhelming student apathy and attending a Student Council meeting!

The Henry Awards recognize all organizations on campus and distinguish outstanding individuals in our Student Body. There will be 60 nominees and ten student groups performing at the show, to make for a total of over 300 students who will be in attendance. How many other events on campus actually include over seven percent of the Student Body? Furthermore, everyone is invited and, between the four varying segments of the night, there will be something to interest everyone.

I believe that students at the College deserve praise for their dedication and the wonderful work they do throughout the academic year. What better way than an elegant, entertaining affair like the Henry Awards?

--Kate Cassidy '08

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

This is in response to Kristen Ziegler's article "Proposal for multicultural center accepted" in the Mar. 23, 2006 edition of *The Weekly*. I am the president of Theta Nu Xi, the multicultural sorority mentioned at the end of the article. While my sisters and I greatly appreciate the fact that our plan to donate to the Center was included, there is a larger issue at hand which has been overlooked.

The reason we decided to fundraise and donate the proceeds to the Center in the first place is that we were originally included in the plan as an organization that would have use of the Center. Unfortunately, Theta Nu Xi has been removed from the final proposal because we are not affiliated with the College.

However, Ziegler writes that part of the Center's mission is to "provide support to the community and outreach to the Allentown community." Although Theta Nu Xi is not recognized by Muhlenberg College, it is an official Allentown chapter. If the Center is supposed to serve the Allentown community as well as Muhlenberg students, how can the exclusion of an Allentown-based multicultural organization be justified?

The national organization of Theta Nu Xi was involved in this fundraising effort and my sisters and I are still going to donate everything we have received to the Center. Even though our organization has been prohibited from using the Center, we still want to support the effort to promote multiculturalism at the College and in the Allentown community.

--Nikki DeMaio '08

To the Editor:

I read about the new Multiculturalism Center. It made me wonder when there will be an Individualism Center on campus to celebrate the only real unit of society, the individual. Race, ethnicity and culture are irrelevant, collective-group concepts that smother unique individuals in a mediocre collective good.

America became great by recognizing and celebrating the innovative ideas and inventions of unique individuals from many races, ethnicities and cultures. It was not their race, ethnicity or culture that was important, it was their unique, reasoning mind and their abilities that were important. The center we really need is one that recognizes the necessity for each individual to be rational, productive, honorable and respectful of the individual rights of every other unique individual.

--Paul Saunders

To the Editor:

I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations to the final four candidates for Senior Speaker. While most are worthy choices, the individual who was most

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deserving of this honor was left out. Tara DeMarzo, a member of our class who has shown more courage than the rest of us combined, was tragically cut from the final list of candidates. DeMarzo embodies everything this college and, most importantly, this class stands for. She has faced the most daunting challenge with all odds against her and, even though she still has some way to go, by all means she has come out on top. There is no better choice for Senior Speaker than DeMarzo.

I know many at this College are averse to taking risks, but this is no time to play it safe. The members of the committee should be

ashamed of themselves. I don't know what their reasons were, but having served on the committee for two years, I cannot fathom why she would not have met the criteria. Since the committee cannot reverse its decision, it is now up to the four candidates to do the right thing. As said earlier most are worthy choices but I ask

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one of you to show the same type of courage. Make a personal sacrifice and give up your spot. It is not easy to share in the spotlight or to give it up entirely, but in certain situations it is the right thing to do. The memory of one's words will fade, but the memory of good deeds is forever.

--Andrew Kalish '06

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in complaint of Trexler Library's "Forgive a Fine Day" that took place on Mar. 27, 2006. I feel that the basic idea of the day was great: helping the library to maintain its wonderful collection of books while helping feed the hungry and less fortunate. Having some library fines myself, I went to the library with several cans of non-perishable foods (one for each overdue CD that I had been fined for), expecting my fines to be expunged. However, when I got to the library, my request was denied. Here is the catch in the fine-print of the policy: You can only get fines erased for media that is currently taken out. Therefore, you must have the overdue CD, book or movie with you upon giving the cans. I had returned the CDs months earlier.

I am currently taking a microeconomics course, in which I have an A. I am also taking a philosophy course which focuses on and gives regular assignments in reasoning. I currently have an A- in that class. In consequence, I feel I grasp the concept of making reasonable and rational money-making decisions. So I went and talked to the reference librarian, (who I was told was in charge of the program). I explained my situation to him. I further explained that he was benefiting more from what I had done, because not only is he getting the cans and the CDs back, but he actually got the CDs back months earlier. I elaborated that with the current program it would have been better for me to keep the CDs an extra several months and wait for Mar. 27th in order to get my fines deleted. But that would not make any sense because those months of me holding onto the CDs would not only be increasing my fines daily but also

Not so forgiving?

depriving other students' access to those CDs. I was presenting him with a win-win situation. He got the CDs back months earlier and I was helping feed the needy. So why is he punishing me for returning CDs? The librarian admitted that there was a flaw in the way the library's "Forgive a Fine Day" (or rather "Forgive a Fine for Something Currently Still Out Day") was set up. Yet he still refused to allow me to give the cans and expunge my fines. When I asked if there was someone else I could speak to about this he said, "No," because he was the one with the authority to change it.

My argument is that in an educational facility such as this, in which countless courses on reason and rationality are taught by many disciplines, how can such irrational behavior be tolerated? The reference librarian in charge even agreed that I was right in that the policies were irrational and nonsensical. Yet his dogmatic, stubborn ideology caused him to decline my request. I feel that the decision made was wrong and would like it to be brought to the attention of the College. In case you were wondering, I still donated the cans, because I still find it to be a worthy cause, despite the way in which the library is carrying it out. Thank you for your time.

--Benjamin Katz '09

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W.W.J.D?: What would Jefferson do?

The Bush administration, patriotism and accountability

World News & Politics

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"The highest form of patriotism is dissent," Thomas Jefferson stated over 200 years ago. The right to criticize one's government is what makes America a special place. Voicing disdain and concern or expressing dissent with leaders' decisions are sacred rights that our country is based upon. This right has seemingly reached an all-time high during George W. Bush's presidency. The chorus of critics seems to be growing day by day and the mistakes of the administration seem to keep piling up. No matter how many states the President visits in an attempt to rally support for the war in Iraq, it just keeps sounding like the same tired message he said a year ago. The only difference now is that 9/11 is a year further in the past and the blind support people gave Bush to take out all the "evil-doers" is waning with time.

Let's be fair with the President. He hasn't exactly been dealt the easiest hand to play with over the past six years. Starting out, the basic fact that he even won the election in 2000 was contested for months and many people still believe it was fraudulent. The failure to take full notice of the threat of al-Qaeda and their ability to strike falls back to the Clinton Administration along with the current administration. It was negligence in many other high places, most notably the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that deserve most of the blame. A hurricane hitting New Orleans, La., was out of his hands, although his handling of it will be something I get to later. Besides all of that, he wasn't the only person in our government that thought Iraq would be easier than this. All the blame can't fall on his shoulders.

Yes, let's be fair with the President. If the President was as tough on national security as said when he campaigned in the 2000 election, he should have surrounded himself with more competent people who took al-Qaeda seriously. After the attacks, he made the right call in taking the

Taliban out of Afghanistan. However, his administration wanted more. If the reasons to attack Iraq were because we wanted a Western-style government in a dangerous region like the Middle East and didn't want to see Iraq turn into another Iran, than fine. If the reason was that our economy needed the oil to support itself, than alright, tell the people that. Don't lie about weapons of mass destruction and connections to al-Qaeda and 9/11. Lying is how you lose your credibility.

Another way to lose your credibility is to underestimate your enemy in a war. Then when things begin going badly, such as your approval ratings plummeting, keep giving the same tired speech to rally support. Iraq is about a week away from a full blown civil war. Technically, what is going on there right now could even be classified as a civil war. We have been in Iraq for over three years and still in the last week about 35 people were being killed every day. They aren't even just being killed. They are being tortured, blindfolded and decapitated. Basically in Iraq right now, Shiite militias are driving around, getting out of their car and killing any Sunni they can get their hands on. Bombs are being set off in mosques, innocent people are dying everywhere. There is no stability in Iraq. Tell the people what a mess it is and don't have your Secretary of State saying troop reductions in the next year are "entirely possible," when they are not.

Finally, being hesitant and indecisive are not marks of a good leader. As I said before, the President can't control weather. Yet, he had fair warning about Hurricane Katrina and completely botched the entire situation. It was revealed that the person he appointed to be in charge of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was an incompetent crony. Doing things like that help you lose your credibility.

Here we are, six years into the Bush Administration. The national debt is rapidly increasing. The Supreme Court is packed with conservatives, instead of being balanced. We have been attacked and five years later, still have not found the attacker. The country we invaded is teetering on the edge of civil war. One of our greatest cities has been decimated. Corruption is running rampant on Capitol Hill and people's faith in our government is at an all time low. Calling the Bush Administration a success would be quite a stretch; calling it a failure sounds much closer to the truth.

The 8th Annual

Henry Awards

Saturday, April 8, 2006

The Henry Awards is a formal event open to the entire Muhlenberg Community to honor outstanding achievements of students, staff, and organizations on campus within the past year.

Pre-Award Reception

6:30 pm in Seegers Lobby

Awards Show

7:30 pm in Garden Room

Dessert Reception

10:00 pm in Great Hall

Formal Dance

(Dress to Impress)

Benefiting Tara DeMarzo

Suggested Donation: \$5 for 1, \$7 for 2

11:00 pm in Garden Room



Everyone welcome to attend this Saturday!

Student Council passes privacy resolution

By Dan Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's Student Council recently passed the privacy resolution. This resolution, presented by Matt Loesch '07, a representative of the Class of 2007, limits the ability of employees at the College to enter a student's room or tamper with student-owned property without student consent.

"This [resolution] is not about the police or [Resident Advisors] RAs busting into rooms to break up parties. These rules are all in the housing lease," said Loesch, who along with Matt Sones '08 drafted the resolution. "This is about all college services trying to give you a warning about any work that may need to be done that may impede your personal space."

The page-long resolution is a result of numerous instances where students have felt that their personal space and property has been violated. "There are a million anecdotes that show that the College hasn't given students fair warning about

work that is being done to their rooms," said Loesch. "Students have said that several times there have been two knocks on their door and it opens without warning. Others have experienced workers peering into their windows."

"All we're looking for is a fair warning before College employees come to student's rooms. We want some sort of middle group with administration," said Loesch. "Sometimes the rules are followed. This is to make sure that they are followed all of the time."

The resolution was recently passed after being subjected to two separate Student Council critiquings. "[Loesch] brought this resolution forward as a result of student's belongings being rearranged over breaks," said Jared Fine '06, former Student Body President. "We originally delayed the hearing of this resolution to clarify its intention."

"This is not for social code violations," said Fine. "This resolution addresses problems with maintenance workers."

"I don't think that it's too unreasonable," said Fine. "I understand that there are a lot of jobs that have to be done around campus but advance notice is something that is needed."

Now that the resolution has been passed by Student Council, it is being presented to the College administration, who will have the final say on whether it becomes law at the College.

"The resolution is going through Campus Safety and to the administration that it affects," said Loesch. "We're hoping to reach a compromise with administration that as long as there isn't suspicion of a College violation that the College will provide two forms of communication prior to coming to student's rooms."

The next few weeks will determine the fate of the resolution. "Loesch and myself will be taking the resolution to Sam Beidleman [Director of Athletics and Interim Dean of Students] and [Michael Brewer,] the Head of Plant Operations to see what they have to say about it."

Student Council Election Results

Position	Elected Candidates
2007 President	Sarah Efronson
2007 Vice President	Trevor Wade
2007 Secretary	Emily Aquila
2007 Treasurer	Geoff Zinberg
2007 Representatives	Kristen Brophy, Becca Goslin, Allison Huth, Matthew Loesch, Rachel Rosenberg, Michael Tenenhaus, Lauren Wygonski
2008 President	Scott Gordon
2008 Vice President	VACANT*
2008 Secretary	Jenn Weaver
2008 Treasurer	Ryan Troy
2008 Representatives	Brian Goldberg, Lisa Harrison, Blaine McFeeley, Gregory Rose, Matthew Rosenberg, Matthew Sones, Michelle Yost
2009 President	TBD**
2009 Vice President	Dana Parisi
2009 Secretary	Sarah Monticue
2009 Treasurer	Jason Rattino
2009 Representatives	Katie Bemis, Matt Fash, Erica Lang, Alex Lotorto, Sara Mazes, Xavier Olivares, Oren Smith, Tina Vergos

*Will be filled during fall general elections

**Run-off election between Matt Fash and Sara Mazes, Apr. 6

Judge speaks at the College

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Mar. 22, Judge John E. Jones III spoke to members of the College about his experience presiding over the Kitzmiller v. Dover trial earlier this year. The event, entitled "A View from the Bench after Kitzmiller v. Dover," took place in Miller Forum and was free and open to the public.

The Kitzmiller v. Dover trial is one of national importance: judicially, politically and socially. In this case Jones, a federally appointed judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, ruled in favor of eleven parents who believed that the Dover Board of Education mandate to teach intelligent design as an alternative to the Darwinian theory of evolution in public

school biology classes was unconstitutional.

Jones ruled that those arguing for the teaching of intelligent design had no scientific basis for the theory so the Darwinian evolution should be the sole evolutionary theory taught. This ruling has caused discourse around the nation and has had a profound effect on what is seen as science.

Dr. Amber Vanderwarker, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, expressed her thoughts on the direct impact of this ruling on students saying, "What is most important is that students leave the classroom knowing what evolution is and what constitutes as science."

In Jones' opening comments, he addressed some of the issues facing both the nation and himself as a



Judge E. Jones III, spoke to members of the College about the Kitzmiller v. Dover trial

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result of his ruling. On a personal level, Jones spoke of his growing fame as a judge and both the positive and negative affects of that fame.

Jones participated in a

panel discussion held by current members of the faculty. Vanderwarker; Dr. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology; Dr. Christopher P. Borick, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute of Public Opinion; and Dr. Christine T. Sistare, Head of Philosophy, all engaged in a discussion with Jones that relied mostly on questions put forward by students and faculty.

Students and faculty members were asked to submit questions via internet prior to the event. Over fifty questions were submitted and those chosen were those that were "most relevant to the broader implications of the Judge's ruling rather than the

specifics of the ruling," according to Vanderwarker.

The response from students following the event was strong. "Even though I am not all that educated on the judicial aspects of the case, I found the discussion very interesting," said Elizabeth Pendley '08. "Because the Dover v. Kitzmiller case is one that dealt with so many disciplines, any student can find an aspect of it that interests them."

Vanderwarker mirrored these comments saying, "Because it is such a timely issue this event drew interest not only from our school, but from members of the community, and other colleges as well." She continued, "Twenty years from now we will see how truly influential Judge Jones' ruling will be and feel honored that we had to opportunity to hear him speak."

Students choose an alternative break

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

While the rest of us were living it up on exotic islands (a.k.a. watching TV on our couches), four groups of students at the College took the "alternative spring break" route that focused on community service and cultural enrichment. Destinations included Louisiana, Georgia, Mexico and the Czech Republic. Students and sponsors presented their trip experiences with picture slideshows and commentary last Thursday evening in Seegers Union.

Led by Jon Lentz, Presidential Assistant of the Chapel, five students traveled to Louisiana and went to St. Bernard's Parish, a county approximately ten miles east of New Orleans, La. The students spent their days mucking and gutting three houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina and their nights sleeping in big circus tents with other alternative spring breakers from across the country.

Along with sleeping in big circus tents and wearing big plastic "muck" proof suits, the students met the houses' owners and established relationships. Emma Sanders '08 commented on

the effect that the student aid had on the locals: "Everyone there was so hopeful and gracious about it."

Members of the College's Habitat for Humanity organization headed to Macon, Ga., to help rebuild the interior of a house for a local family. Students gutted, cleaned, floored, carpeted and shelved a house.



SEVEN. built a community center in Mexico.

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They were fortunate enough to meet the Jones family, the house's future owners, who cooked the students a southern meal with all the trimmings.

SEVEN, the student-led Christian group on campus, returned to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where they began laying the foundation for a school last Spring Break. This year they returned to an institution with 70 students in kindergarten through third grade. Working in conjunction with the Touch the World Youth Ministries organiza-

tion of New Jersey, this dilapidated town now has a community center.

"These kids have nothing," explained Amy Appleton '08 as she ran through pictures of Juarez's makeshift homes. "They want to be here [in school]."

This year the group painted walls, set up electrical connections and began building security walls.

More poignant were the bonds that students formed with the local children, playing jump rope and giving piggy back rides. This year, Appleton said, "they really felt a part of it."

Hillel sponsored a trip to the Czech Republic's capital city of Prague and focused on historical and cultural fulfillment. Prague is

home to a rich Jewish community, housing the third largest synagogue in the world. The group attended educational lectures, visited a concentration camp and spent time with local Jews. Though the group was unable to do a service project, they gained insight and experienced direct contact with a completely different slice of Jewish life.

Karla Auermuller '08, who attended the Louisiana trip said, "If I didn't have to come back to school, I would have stayed there without a doubt."

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from students at the College, as well as from students from Liberty High School, Cedar Crest College and members of the community. In the end, 350 dresses were chosen as suitable for the event. Any dresses that were damaged or considered inappropriate were donated to the Salvation Army.

A wide variety of shoes, handbags and costume jewelry were also collected for the event. There were two dressing areas with mirrors where girls could try on the dresses and shoes. Lisa Kowolski '06 said, "My favorite event was when a girl who was resisting to see herself in a dress, stepped

up to the mirror and I saw a smile explode on her face."

As each girl entered and registered at the front door, she was given four raffle tickets. Various community and college organizations donated gift certificates and services to be raffled off. These items included gift certificates to various restaurants, hair and nail salons, florists, tuxedo rental stores, a limousine service and the 'Berg bookstore.

The Deb also donated gift certificates to the event for plus-size girls, since there were a limited number of larger dresses. There was also a catered lunch at the event, featuring sandwiches and desserts. This event helped many girls find "the perfect dress."

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information about it a few days ago, and did the project as a group in our SHARE meeting."

Whitcomb estimates that between 20 and 30 people from SHARE participated in this effort.

"The purpose of the project," Whitcomb explained, "is to show our support for the Affordable Housing Fund in a different way than usual [not through a petition]. This fund is a national effort to build 1.5 million affordable housing units over the next ten years. The National Student

Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness sent us the information about the project and we wanted to show our support. The campaign group came up with the idea this year."

This is the first time that such an event has taken place. Because of its success, some students believe that the bill will be passed and the event will not need to occur a second time.

Whitcomb, in particular is optimistic about the future of this project. "Hopefully this event will not have to happen again in the future because the bill will be passed."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Showers	Few Showers
High: 60 Low: 50	High: 53 Low: 33	High: 53 Low: 35

OFF CAMPUS

Seal seen in the Delaware River

A baby seal, estimated to be around three months old, swam its way up the Delaware River. The seal was first seen Monday at Gloucester City, NJ which is across the river from Philadelphia, Pa.

Experts say that the seal probably came from Nova Scotia for the fish. "It's not an everyday occurrence, but it isn't the first time this has happened," Bob Schoelkopf, Director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, NJ.

Those monitoring the seals say that baby seals sometimes strike out on their own when their mothers stop paying attention to them after a couple months. Since they're not used to traveling in groups yet, they sometimes end up in odd places. This one is expected to head back to the ocean within a few weeks.

Discussion about widening Route 22

In a poll conducted by *The Morning Call*/Muhlenberg College, it was found that 93 percent of the respondents felt that Route 22 was "very congested," especially during rush hour, while two thirds said the highway was more dangerous than other highways they have traveled.

This poll was conducted as the state's Department of Transportation held an open house to discuss ideas for widening Route 22 between Airport Road and 15th Street and improving the interchanges at MacArthur Road and Fullerton Avenue.

The problems associated with widening Route 22 include the "concerns about cost," said Bruce Davis, Route 22 Coalition organizer. The expected cost is approximated at 776 million dollars.

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fundraisers for the benefit will also be sold on Apr. 8 at the men's lacrosse game against Franklin and Marshall and the baseball game against Washington College.

A benefit softball game will be held on Apr. 23, with a participation donation of 25 dollars per team. The Cardinal Key Society, which DeMarzo was also a member of, is partial sponsor of the community event and will raise money for "Desire. Dedication. DeMarzo," through a barbecue, children's games and face painting.

"It's really great. I don't think that anyone deserves it [the support] more than DeMarzo. It shows just how many people she had an effect on," said John Jannuzzi '07, Secretary of

Cardinal Key and a friend of DeMarzo's.

"How could we possibly thank the Muhlenberg community for their efforts in November alone? The efforts were so supportive that it was able to help us get past that terrible tragedy. We could not have possibly gotten through without Muhlenberg," said Dr. Gene DeMarzo, Tara's father.

"To continue to maintain interest and support is a tremendous sign of the nature of the students, administration and faculty," continued DeMarzo. "She remains in the community's minds, hearts, and actions. And we are so thankful."

Despite initially poor chances for survival, DeMarzo has overcome odds and is recovering at a quicker rate than anticipated. She will likely return in the next academic year.

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**Students \$5****Mar 31 - Apr 9
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March 27 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A garbage truck damaged a fence at a practice field.

March 28 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student's car was found parked in the faculty/staff parking lot. The individual was identified and it was found that s/he already had outstanding parking fines.

March 28 - Larceny/Theft - An individual reported that his/her wallet had been stolen. There were credit cards inside the wallet and the credit card company verified that someone was using the individual's card. The cards were all cancelled.

March 28 - Suspicious

Activity - An individual went into the Plant Operations building at night, left and ran into a silver van, driven by a female. The van left the area.

March 29 - Injured Student - A needle gave a student in South Hall a puncture wound. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

March 30 - Sick Student - A student reported severe back pains and refused to be transported to the hospital. The student went to the Health Center the next day.

March 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm at 318 Albright Street went off due to steam from cooking French toast.

March 31 - Noise Complaint - Loud noise was coming from 442 N. 22nd Street. A disruptive conduct report was written for an individual living at that address.

March 31 - Institutional Vandalism - The glass encasing the fire extinguisher by the front doors of Seegers Union was smashed.

March 31 - Institutional Vandalism - The simplex reader in Prosser Hall was torn off its cover and filled with ketchup.

March 31 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm at 407/409 N. 23rd Street went off due to burned food.

March 31 - Institutional Vandalism - Two white males from Prosser Hall tore

down a political sign outside of Seegers Union. If anyone knows who owns these signs, Campus Safety asks you to please come forward.

March 31 - Injured Visitor - A non-student tripped and fell on the curb outside in the upper level of Seegers Union. The individual suffered a head laceration and was sent to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

March 31 - Injured Student - A student in Brown Hall cut her hand on a broken lamp.

April 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm in 2245 Gordon Street went off due to burned food.

April 2 - Underage Alcohol - An underage student was found intoxicated in

Robertson Hall. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and cited by the Allentown Police Department (APD) for underage drinking.

April 2 - Institutional Vandalism - An individual on N. 23rd Street pulled a trash container off its base and smashed it.

April 2 - Injured Student - Wind blew over temporary football goals in the football stadium and hit an individual. She was transported to the hospital by her family.

April 3 - Fire - A fire was found in a garbage can in front of 428 Albright Street. The fire was extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher.

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This type of pillow won't put you to sleep

By Jackie Starnier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Pillow of Kantan, running Mar. 31-Apr. 9, is based on the works of Japanese novelist and playwright Yukio Mishima. On opening night, the audience entered the Studio Theatre and were greeted by a garden. The garden consisted not of plants but of actors embodying flowers, water and birds. Though the actors were close to the audience, they did not acknowledge anyone. The actors seemed purposely distant, but chorus member Elizabeth Seavy '08 said, "It was more about embodying the persona than performing." The actors in the chorus focused on becoming the personas and this organically created the distance.

The play begins with the introduction of the pillow, which The Silent Woman (Debra VanderWeit '06), receives as a gift at her engagement party. At the party she discovers her fiancée, The Poet (Goran Ivanovski '06), in the garden with another woman, Komachi (Kristy Greener '06) and VanderWeit curses the pillow. Remaining true to the Noh tradition, VanderWeit's costume is changed on stage, and she dons a traditional mask.

Much of the play presents the dream of an American man, Jiro, played by Benjamin Shaw '07. Jiro comes to Japan in search of the pillow, which is believed to fulfill the

dreams of those who sleep on it. The actors' distance from the audience enhanced the dream because the dream as a play within a play further removed them from reality.

The actors' dedication to their characters and the Noh style kept the audience engaged. When she encountered The Poet as an Old Woman, Greener used exaggerated facial expressions and a deranged booming voice which matched the theatrical style of Noh. VanderWeit did not speak at all,

but asserted herself as the controlling force of the dream with her violent manipulation of two folding fans.

In perhaps the most touching scene, Christa Wroblewski '09, plays Hanako, the mad girl with a fan, eternally waiting for her lover.



The cast of *The Pillow of Kantan* gathers for a picture in costume.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNIER

Wroblewski's expressive eyes showed the shifts of the girl from understanding into insanity. As the girl rationalized her waiting, Wroblewski's hands twisted sporadically and her eyes became wide as she lost comprehension of her surroundings.

Traditional Noh plays are full of slow dances (Paul Binnie, www.artelino.com); however, *The Pillow of Kantan* also integrated fast dance sequences. The departure was justified because the choreogra-

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO THE HECK IS HENRY? (AS IN THE HENRY AWARDS)



"Henry is President Helm's secret alias when he dresses up as a raven and swoops and grasps [squirrels] down from the Bell Tower."
-Jon Nelson '09



"Someone who leaves me speechless-- I have no idea."
-Jen Pilchman '08



"Henry IS inside all of us..."
-Dan Perlow '07



"I used to think it was Henry the janitor, who did a great job...and everyone loved him! But now I know it's Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg."
-Christine Ebner, Assistant to the Director of Seegers



"A guy who costs us \$16,000 on an awards ceremony."
-Drew Stocker '06

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

A cappella Fest:

An amazing show during a weekend of student performances

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

One thing that there is never a shortage of at the College is performers, whether it be dancers, poets, bands or a cappella groups. This past weekend seemed to be the weekend to show off all of the performers on campus.

There was the Talent Show on Friday that showed off the talents of many acoustic performers. The Cup on Sunday had short performances by dancers from the College with student accompaniments. However, Saturday was jam-packed with events. Battle of the Bands lasted late into the evening and A Cappella Fest went on right before this battle in the afternoon.

A Cappella Fest was a huge success this year. All the groups on campus were able to perform along with a few guest groups including The Chord on Blues and The Overtones from James Madison University. This year there are several new a cappella groups that have joined the well-known and talented

The Girls Next Door, Dynamics and Acafellas. These new groups include InAcchord, Noteworthy and Chaimonics. The performance of all the new groups on campus, as well as the visiting ones, was really appreciated by the audience. Adam Cotugno '08 said, "It's nice having other a cappella groups come and sing with all of the Muhlenberg groups. I'm always impressed by the performances of all the groups involved."

Contungo was not the only one who thought the groups were amazing. All of the groups were impressive to hear perform for various reasons. New groups held their own against the more established ensembles. Some of the groups that have been on campus longer and no longer have the challenge of learning how to blend, demonstrated improved new sounds.

Allie O'Conner '07, who is a member of the Dynamics, said, "It was really fun not only to perform but to get to hear all the other groups who were so incredibly talented. I really enjoyed all of

their performances."

These a cappella groups are not sticking to the normal performance songs that are typical to their genre, either, but are mixing it up. They are able to sing anything and everything from oldies like "Fools Rush In" to new hip-hop songs like "Hey Ya" and "These Words." In addition, many of the groups take the time to write out the correct harmonies for songs that haven't been written for a cappella groups.

The a cappella performers offer a show like no others on campus. They have something for everyone. No one should miss this good time. Go and appreciate the time and effort the groups put into these amazing ensembles.

Once out of college you'll be hard pressed to hear groups like these perform for no cost. Performances in New York, NY and other major cities cost big bucks. The College has a big city show at the suburb price. Next time there is a performance by any of these groups make sure you go support and appreciate their amazing talent.

The sun's shining down in Bethlehem, Apollo's lights up

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It's time to venture out of Allentown, Pa. and broaden your restaurant horizons. Located 15 minutes away, Bethlehem, Pa. is loaded with restaurants of varying cuisines. Restaurant after restaurant line Broad Street and they are all worth visiting. Your first stop should be The Apollo Grill.

This is the type of restaurant you want to go to if you are celebrating a birthday, a good grade on a test or are on a date. The atmosphere of the restaurant is very artsy and cool. Paintings from local artists fill the walls of The Apollo Grill and are available for purchase. A long bar takes up half of the restaurant.

There is a long list of appetizers which are great for sharing. Some of the favorites are nachos, duck spring roll, lobster ravioli, lump crab and avocado cocktail, potato skins, shrimp wrapped in bacon, baked orie and a chorizo crostini with sausage, goat cheese, caramelized onions and roasted tomatoes. They also have some great salads includ-

ing a Cobb salad, pear salad, spinach salad and a very good house-made mozzarella salad with onions, tomato, garlic and fresh basil vinaigrette. Hungry yet? Some of their food has an Asian fusion twist but most entrees range from sandwiches to meat and seafood dishes and you are bound to find something (or many things) that you like.

The great thing about this restaurant is that you can order half or full portions of an entree, so it's a great place to share a couple of things since more than likely there will be more than one entree that appeals to you. Some good sandwich items are the Portobello smoked mozzarella sandwich, grilled corned beef Ruben, crab cake sandwich, grilled barbecue beef brisket sandwich and burgers anyway you like them.

They have a couple pasta dishes, but I recommend the Thai sesame noodles that are stir-fried with oriental vegetables; it's very good. Some great entrees are the Szechwan duck breast with Udon noodles and vegetables, the Australian lamb shank, crab stuffed shrimp and the tender-

loin tips with Kentucky barbecue sauce. If you have room for dessert there are a couple worth trying or at least sharing. The soft center chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream is awesome, along with the creme brulee sampler and the key lime pie.

Some of the dishes are a little pricey but are well worth it. Salads range from 5.50 dollars to 10.50 dollars and appetizers range anywhere from 6.50 dollars to 13.50 dollars. Entrees are from 7.50 dollars to 20.50 dollars.

This is not the type of place to go and get a quick cheap bite, but if you go with a bunch of friends for a birthday or special occasion or a date then it's a great place. It's also a wonderful place to take your parents if they come and visit (since they'll be paying).

The Apollo Grill is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and reservations are suggested. It's not a jeans and t-shirt type place but going out clothes are more than appropriate. Go and visit The Apollo Grill for that next special occasion and you for sure will leave nice and full.

Carnegie Weekend Listings



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Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Benchwarmers

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 2:30, 5:00, 7:40
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:40

Failure to Launch

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ice Age: The Meltdown

Fri. 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:20, 4:45, 7:20

Inside Man

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Lucky Number Slevin

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Stay Alive

Fri. 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 1:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 7:50

Take the Lead

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

V for Vendetta

Fri. 4:00
Sat. 4:00
Sun. 4:00

Part I--Men's Underwear: What do your sexy skivvies say about you?

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Underwear. We all wear it. But just because it is an article of clothing that everyone should own and wear doesn't mean it has to look just like everyone else's! Customize your undergarments to compliment your own personal style! Here is what your choice of underwear says about you and how to pick the best one to compliment your body:

Briefs, aka "tighty whities." When one first thinks of these, you might envision yourself in third grade or think of a guy who is 23 and has never had sex. This is not true. Briefs have gotten a bad rap. There is a difference between the Fruit of the Loom and Hanes that you buy at K-Mart and more upscale brands such as 2xist, Calvin Klein and DKNY.

The latter brands can be very sexy if worn on the right kind of body. This is a body with 0-6 percent body fat, nicely tanned and free of body hair: pretty much an Adonis. I'm guessing that most of the guys who wear briefs are not doppelgangers of this mythical Greek hero, so your best bet is to toss them. You don't want to wear an article of clothing (visible or not) that accentuates your not so hot features.

Bright white briefs will wash out a pale skin tone, pinch chubby waistlines and make unsightly body hair even more noticeable.

Boxer-Briefs. A personal favorite of this columnist, boxer-briefs offer the same support and feel as briefs, with a sexy shape and not as much extra fabric as regular boxers. These are a favorite of athletes, columnists and guys who just don't like boxers but can't bring themselves to buy "tighty whities." Boxer-briefs are super sexy, and they come in all different styles, fabrics and cuts. You can get a cut of boxer-brief that will show off your best "ass"-ets, one that is not too conforming or that let's everyone know if you are circumcised or not. Loose fitting, lightweight fabrics allow for ventilation and comfort without the fear of overheating because, as we all know, heat kills sperm. That's why testicles are on the outside of your body, not inside, so keep those suckers cool.

Boxers. The Classic. The Staple. Clearly, boxers seem to be the underwear of choice for most men. Is it peer pressure or have most guys just figured out what works best for them? Boxers are ideal for a not-so-perfect stomach and mid-section. A

colorful pattern can help improve skin tone, and it draws attention away from body hair or can camouflage it. The only thing to watch out for with boxers is that if you are a really skinny guy don't buy a pair of boxers that are too large, it does not make you look bigger and more muscular. This is popular among the "Trying to be Eminem" crowd. It makes you look even skinnier and like you don't know how to dress yourself. If you insist on boxers go for a pair of boxer-briefs and at least buy a pair that fit.

Also, boxers come in the most different fabrics and colors and styles. You can truly personalize an outfit or your entire wardrobe with the right boxer choice. You wouldn't want to run out onto the East/Martin Luther Quad in your Elmo briefs, would you? Boxers are also ideal for those nights when the fire alarm goes off and you have no time to put on a pair of pants because the building is on fire. Boxers cover up while leaving some to the imagination.

Lastly, if you think someone of the opposite sex will be seeing your boxers, it is not narcissistic to buy a pair with a simple design or a nice plaid pattern or anything from J. Crew.

What is not okay are boxers with entire sentences, obnoxiously bright patterns or gross colors. (Brown is never an option, period. Gross.) And please, girls think that sayings on boxers like "lucky you" and "Cuban missile crisis" are lame and stupid. If we are down there, we are not going to want to spend our time reading and you shouldn't want us to either. Keep it classy, keep it simple and for God's sake keep it clean! If your underwear has a hole where a hole should not be, or a stain or a rip, just throw them out!

Thong Underwear. Unless you are Jared Fine at the Mr. Muhlenberg Competition, I would have to go with no on this one.

Edible Underwear. Inappropriate for camp. No. Never. Not even as a joke.

Bikini Briefs (Speedo-like Underwear). Maybe, maybe for athletic competition, but otherwise no. You don't want to make the mistake of leaving it at your girlfriend's place and her mistaking them for her own.

Commando. Good for you, but keep it to yourself. No need to announce it to the world. Watch yourself while zipping up. Yikes!

Next week: The hot ladies of the College! Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!!

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horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

You've learned an important lesson about life this past week. Mystery is what makes it interesting. Now you just have to do something about it. In other words...you're being get out there and be more mysterious. Put your effort into doing your own thing and not waiting and relying on everyone else. Once you can do things on your own and not care so much about what people think, you're going to be a lot happier.

Taurus

You're at a crossing in your life and you're about to make a decision. Don't leap before you're ready. You've been feeling pressure from everyone to go ahead and make that big decision, but take your own time and make it when it feels right. Don't let them push you around or into anything you don't want. When it's right you'll know it and then you won't have any problem jumping in the direction you want.

Gemini

If you want to get ahead in life you have to learn to get yourself out there more! Being shy is not going to help you! This especially applies to work. With everything you've been doing there's a pretty good chance that you'll be rewarded for it anyway, but don't be afraid to take those little extra steps to ensure that you get noticed. Applying a little grease to the wheel of success will only help you get to the top a bit faster!

Cancer

You've got a lot going on but you are up to the challenge. That is, as long as you can get your look together. School is coming to an end and this summer you're really going to have to make something of yourself. Get a new haircut and some new clothing. Go for a totally new style, go wild, don't stick with the same old grind! It is sure to give you the confidence to succeed in whatever you do.

Leo

You're normally the king of the hill, king of your domain, the real big man on campus, but lately you're feeling a little short. Sure you've been trying to distract yourself from the truth but let's face it, something is off. You need to quit those spending sprees and weekend binges and get to the root of the problem. Get back on track and you're sure to rule the roost better than ever.

Virgo

Stars are sure to align and give you a nice boost of confidence this weekend, so take advantage of it. Go out and strut your stuff. No matter what comes up this weekend you're going to be able to handle it without getting the least bit upset. You know there's got to be ups and downs but those little downs are not going to mess up your stride this weekend.

Libra

The planets are setting up to overlap right over your business and financial moons and everyone knows what that means...money! So get ready to see the dough come rolling in—more like flooding in for you actually. Granted this won't last for long...planets keep on moving you know, so you might want to save up a little so that when they align over the "broke" moons you have a little something to fall back on.

Scorpio

Well, now that you've almost finished off the year, it's time to evaluate what you've done and what you need to do before it's ALL OVER! Take out that box of old wishes and dreams and see what you still have in there. You still have a chance to make some of them come true for this semester if you hurry. Address them soon and you're sure to see them manifest into something even better than you dreamed.

Sagittarius

You understand the value of building something that's made to last, whether it be in a relationship or in work. You've been working hard to build exactly what you want in the end. Well, have no worries because all your effort will produce exactly what you want if you play your cards right. Just try and be careful because even things that will eventually be strong start out brittle and fragile.

Capricorn

Abby relationship down. There is really no better way, other than coffee, of course, to add that extra pizzazz to your day (though it seems like you've been here before and for all that long ago, too). Time to ask yourself the really important questions and stop dealing with the little issues that keep coming up. Only you can answer the tough questions. Let your heart be your guide and things will be ok.

Aquarius

Someone new is coming into your life really soon and they're really going to get your attention. You give them the chance. Don't be thrown off by what may seem like unusual packaging. What's inside is going to blow your socks off, literally as well as physically. They're going to bring things into your life that you've never even dreamed of, so sit back and enjoy.

Pisces

Things haven't been too hot lately; there has been nothing that has been way over your head but you might have lost a little of your creative spark. Now it's time to get back to work at who you are and how you feel about them. They're a mix of all of your creativity and will help you a few of those holes that might have stuck into your life.

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phy effectively supplemented the plot. Jiro dreams that he becomes dictator and the chorus members become his warriors.

Red lighting, percussive music and the robotic movements of the chorus merged, creating an atmosphere of battle. One actor dressed as a samurai warrior fought against Jiro's army. He represented the values of traditional Japan, which playwright Mishima upheld. Eventually, Jiro's warriors overcome the Samurai just as Mishima lost his battle, committing ritual suicide in 1970 as "his final protest against modern Japanese weakness" (*The Pillow of Kantan* program).

Much of the dialogue was confusing because like other Noh plays it was "full of poetical allusions"

(Paul Binnie, www.artelino.com). In Japan, many audience members do not understand the dialogue, but the plays work because of the people's familiarity with the stories. For this production, the potentially confusing dream was bookended by explanatory dialogue which aided the American audience in being able to figure the story out.

The actors reveal to Jiro at the end of his dream that they are the spirits of the pillow of Kantan, but the significance of the dreams they present remains unclear. After the play reaches the end, it is the audience's responsibility to connect the segments and extract their collective meaning. *The Pillow of Kantan*, is entertaining and intellectually stimulating and leaves the audience asking the question, "What did that mean?"

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SAM shows Mules can kick

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Student Athlete Mentors (SAM) hosted the first ever kickball tournament on Apr. 2.

SAM's purpose is to provide informational opportunities for the Student Body. This specific event raised money for bringing speakers to campus next year. Junior Courtney Williams, President of SAM, is trying to bring a speaker to campus who specializes in sexual harassment education.

There was a large turnout for the kickball tournament, which was held on the turf outside the field house.

The teams competed for an 100 dollar first place cash prize. The six teams included Kalamazoo, Murphs, SAM, Haney, Mefford and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. The teams played a two-game round robin in the 70-degree weather and were then seeded for the playoffs.

Team Kalamazoo had an all-around stellar performance in the round robin and

came out at the end of the as the decisive winners.

The four-hour event featured blasting music and the opportunity for the teams to come together for a little competition as they played for cash. The day brought out different players, athletes as well as non-athletes, and many different organizations.

Williams said "This event's success will hopefully lead to an annual tournament with a lot more participation. Our group really came together for this event.

We all pitched in and proved ourselves today."

"We couldn't have done it without the help of the Athletic Department and especially [Senior] Bryan Spenser who took on a great deal of the organization, [of the event]. This is the type of event where so many people should be thanked for all of their hard work and efforts"



The winners of the kickball tournament ham it up for the camera.

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added Williams.

"Anyone who is an athlete at the College and wants to participate is more than welcome to join. We look for dedicated individuals that are leaders on their individual teams and want to help give back to the athletic community and the school in general. We are a grow-

ing group that is always looking for more interested members."

"We all had a lot of fun out there," said Senior Val Robuck, former President of SAM. "It was like a field day out there on the turf. I loved spending the day with SAM members. It was a fulfilling experience."



In order to raise money for speakers, members of SAM hosted in a kickball tournament.

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Sticks stay strong as Mules win another

By Shannon Donohue
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College's men's lacrosse team split the past week with a win over the Montclair State University Red Hawks on Mar. 26 and a loss to the Gettysburg College Bullets, on Mar. 29. The Bullets are ranked second in the nation. The games brought the Mules to a 3-3 record overall.

Coming off of the Mar. 22 victory over Moravian College, which that clinched the Matte Award for the College, the Mules used their momentum to pull out the win against Montclair State four days later.

Trailing the Red Hawks 7-3 after halftime, the Mules scored seven consecu-

tive goals, five of which came from Sophomores Mickey Norton and Kyle Farris. With six minutes left in the third quarter, Junior Sean Toohil scored to tie the game. Less than one minute later, Freshman Brian O'Neal notched his first collegiate goal to put the Mules ahead permanently.

One minute into the fourth quarter, Farris scored his third goal of the game to complete his third hat-trick of the season. The Mules' offense took their time with the ball, stalling to keep possession, until a turnover occurred with just two minutes left. This led to a goal that brought the Red Hawks within one point of the Mules. This was the last

goal for Montclair, who was held off by the Mules' defense for the remaining minutes of the game.

Junior Christian Messler led the defensive effort with seven ground balls. Junior goalie Daniel Koch had 13 saves, including four in the last minute of the game. "When we got down, we just worked hard to win the face-

offs and that's what sparked us to come back," said Messler. "Marking up on [former team mate Dave Armstrong, who now plays for Montclair] was big for me."

The Mules' match-up against Gettysburg got off to a rocky start when the Bullets won the first face-off of the game and immediately scored. The Mules didn't get a chance to answer

back to the Bullets' next two goals until the second quarter when Farris scored the first of his four goals for the day. "Four goals against a team like Gettysburg is a pretty good day," said Junior Clifford Burwell. "[Sophomore] Kyle Farris really came to play."

Though seven different Mules had points on the offensive end, they couldn't compete with Gettysburg, who out-shot them 47-30 and. The Bullets also racked up seven goals in the third quarter alone.

The Mules' next game is against Franklin & Marshall College and will take place this Saturday, Apr. 5.



Sophomore Mike Brown dodges a defender.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Women face losing streak

By Lauren Wygonski
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past week the Mules' 4-1 record shifted to 6-3. The Mules offense and defense both put forth a strong effort but it was not enough to clinch a win.

Last week's defeat placed the women's lacrosse record at 6-1 with the lone loss to Gettysburg College.

The Mules' 13-10 win against Washington College two weeks ago preceded the Mules' taking on two of their toughest competitors, Dickinson College and Franklin and Marshall College.

One of the Mules' strong points is their defensive strategy. Senior Captain Charlotte Adams said, "The communication amongst our defense is really strong. We are like a well-oiled machine with no weak links. Our strength is attributed to our ability to get along well both on and off the field."

Adams' emphasis on communication allowed the team to get the job done, even if they weren't able to take the win.

"Our team communicated very well, we were just not able to connect with the goal that day, but it is a good test for us," said Senior Steph Light.

This effort was put to the ultimate test against Dickinson last Wednesday-

the Mules were defeated 17-7.

The Dickinson offense dominated with a total of 43 shots taken, while the Mules only took 15 shots. Freshmen goalie Caroline Shadood made 16 saves but the Dickinson offense never diminished for this high scoring game. "This was a tough game for us to lose both mentally and physically."

However, we played hard and gave the best effort we could. We are going to take this loss, especially this loss because it was an important conference game, as a way to push ourselves even more. We want to challenge ourselves to win our next games. We are taking this challenge seriously by practicing harder with our transitions and moving the ball," said Sophomore Maura Lane.

The Mules were challenged this Saturday when they lost to Franklin and Marshall, 18-6. The Diplomats took 42 shots on goal. However, Shadood's 17 saves show strength in this underclassman.

While the Mules' offense were only able to take six shots on goal, all of them went in. The Mules next game is home against Haverford College and will take place on Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Mules fall short at Spring Invationals

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The men's golf team traveled to McDaniel College for the McDaniel Spring Invitational this past Sunday. The team opened its season with a tenth place finish in the two-day tournament.

Senior Tim Johnston shot a team-best 79 on the second day of the tournament and finished with 170, one stroke behind Senior Chris Walach, whose 169 was the Mules' best 36-hole score.

On the women's side, the Mules finished fifth in the Mount St. Mary University's

Spring Thing on Mar. 24.

The College defeated the only other Division III team at the tournament, Centennial Conference rival Dickinson College.

The Mules beat The Devils by 21 strokes. Junior Kristen

Amore finished three strokes ahead of Sophomore Dana Bielecki at 98, which was good enough for 18th overall.

The women's next time on the green is Apr. 18 at the Ursinus College Invitational at 1:00 p.m.

The men's next tournament is the New York University Invitational on Apr. 11, followed by one weekend of tournaments.

GOLF



Senior Chris Walach drives the ball down the fairway.

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Conference opener disappoints



Members of the softball team huddle before their game this past weekend.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

By Betsy Stoller
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The Mules lost their first two Centennial Conference games by one run last Friday and Saturday. They were defeated 2-1 and 6-5 by the Gettysburg College Bullets.

With these two recent losses, the Mules have now lost the seven games in a row. Three of these losses were lost by

one run and another two games were lost by two runs.

During the first game of the double-header the Bullets hit two triples and capitalized on an infield error, taking a 2-0 lead at the bottom of the second inning.

The Mules were able to get a run back in the fourth inning as Freshman Samantha Crist hit a double and scored on a groundout. The Mules had only one base runner for the rest of the game, allowing the Bullets to win.

In the top of game two's second inning, the Mules, who scored seven runs in their last eight games, created a

five-run rally. Junior Hilary Marinchak and Senior Missy DeFrain each hit RBI singles, and Freshman RiRi Ferrigno capped the inning with a two-run double. Ferrigno went three-for-four with a pair of doubles in the second game.

The Mules were not able to hold the lead, however, as the Bullets' hit three runs in the sixth inning to gain the lead.

The Mules put two runners on base in the seventh inning but could not plate the tying run.

The Mules are currently ranked eighth in the Centennial Conference. Their next game is against Franklin and Marshall College, who is ranked ninth in the Centennial Conference. The game will either hold the Mules' status as eighth or move their position to last place in the Conference.

The crucial game against Franklin and Marshall College will be held Apr. 8. The game will be held at home and is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Steinhart, Mercado and Rothwell finished in second place in the 4x400 meter race behind a Division II College and qualified for the ECACs by more than two seconds.

"We were pretty happy for the most part about the turnout of the meet. We had some good performances despite some not so perfect weather. It was so windy, so it was amazing how some of our team was able to perform so well. It was also really nice to have a lot of people come out to cheer us on at the home meet considering it was the Muhlenberg Invitational. This meet is a great start and sign for the rest of the season," said Senior Jason Finklestein.

Other notable performances among the men include Junior Dave Chesny, who finished first out of the Division III runners in the steeplechase. Chesny beat the other Division III runners by over six seconds. Sophomore Dan Steinhart ran a personal best in the 400 meters and was second among Division III runners. For the women, Junior Courtney Williams set the personal best in the discus throw. She finished fifth overall with the third-best throw on the College's all-time performance list. Junior Kim David set a personal best in the pole vault and placed sixth with the second-best performance in College's history. David also captured fifth in the 100 hurdles.

The Mules' next meet is the Sam Howell Invitational. It will be held Saturday at Princeton University.

Baseball wins 3, loses 1

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules won three of their four Centennial Conference games last week. They started their week by sweeping the Swarthmore College Garnets (5-10), winning one game on Tuesday, 9-3, and another game on Friday, 16-10. The Mules finished up their week by splitting a double-header with the McDaniel College Green Terror (6-12) on Saturday, winning the first game 2-1 and losing the second 11-4.

Freshman outfielder Eric Hammond had four hits, including three bunt singles, as well as two stolen bases against the Garnets on Tuesday. Junior pitcher Jason Bonder won his second game in a row, throwing for seven innings and striking out four batters. The Mules scored one run in each of the first three innings before breaking the game open by scoring four runs in the fourth inning.

The Mules banged out 20 hits and scored 16 runs in the game on Friday. The most notable hit was struck by Senior co-Captain Matt Tobia in the fourth inning. It was the 100th hit of his collegiate career, which made Tobia the 27th player of the College to reach that mark. "But it was more important that we won the game. I feel like we have a solid team this year and hopefully we will be able to keep up this pace," said Tobia.

Sophomore Paul Faith recorded the first win of

his career by holding the Garnets to only two runs in seven innings. Junior first baseman Mike Hart, who won the Centennial Conference Player of the Week Award earlier this season, returned to the lineup (for the first time in 12 days) after a shoulder injury. Upon his arrival, Hart made two hits.

Junior pitcher Tom McDonald pitched a complete game and a three-hitter against the McDaniel Green Terror in the first game of the double-header on Saturday. He recorded his team-leading third win of the season. McDonald didn't allow any hits over the final five innings of play. He didn't even allow a runner to reach scoring position after the third inning.

McDonald said, "We are starting to come together as a team. The pitching is coming around and the defense has been great. Hopefully we can keep this momentum [and it] will translate into more wins for our team."

The Mules scored two runs in the game, one when junior third baseman Pete Oris got hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and another when Hammond hit his team-leading fourth triple to drive in Senior Captain James Petersen.

The Mules lost the second game by a score of 11-4. Freshman pitcher Joe Barrese kept the Mules in the game through the first six innings. The Green Terror came back to score six runs in the bottom of the seventh and eighth, putting the game away. Junior shortstop Matthew Block went 4-4 with a RBI in the game.

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Track off to great start of season

By Jess Morreale
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, the Mules competed against 13 Division I, II and III Colleges at the Muhlenberg Invitational held on the track at the College. The Mules had many strong performances, particularly that of Senior Karen Mount who broke the College's record by over five seconds. She had set this record in the 1,500 meter race just last week. Mount's time of 4:36.49 led her to a first-place finish with a 13.31 second lead over other runners.

Mount's time also set the Scotty Wood Stadium record and provisionally qualified her for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships (NCAAs). She missed the automatic-qualifying time by fewer than three seconds.

Five other Mules and two relay teams qualified for the Eastern

College Athletic Conference Championships (ECACs). In the high jump, Junior Rachel Drosdick set a new personal-best jump, beating her old record by three inches and capturing first place in the event. Her distance marked the third-best finish in the College's history and the best finish since 2001. Junior Sarah Mitchell was third place in the javelin throw.

Junior Lauren Carballo, Sophomores Jenna Lombardi and Emily Karel, and Freshman Amanda Martini placed fourth in the 4x100-meter race. They qualified for the ECACs by more than one second.

For the men, Juniors Lex Mercado and Steve Rothwell both qualified for the ECACs. Mercado took second place in the 800 meters while Rothwell placed second in the 1,500 meters. Senior Kyle Douglass, Sophomore Dan



Junior Jacquelyn Inverso effortlessly clears a hurdle.

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Rackets sweep courts for teams



Junior Mike DiVita concentrates as he returns a volley across the net.

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Nature played an April Fools' joke last Saturday, but the Mules didn't fall for it. Despite a brief shower, both the men's and women's tennis teams faced the McDaniel College Green Terror in the Centennial Conference match-up. The Mules defeated McDaniel by a shut-out.

The women, who are 3-4 overall and undefeated in the Conference, won their seventh game in a row against The Green Terror. The closest tally was 7-2.

In their nine matches, the Mules only gave McDaniel nine games. Senior Amy Schmidt and Junior Pam Kimmelman both recorded 6-0, 6-0 shutouts at the No. 1 and 2 singles. Schmidt's 16th career 6-0, 6-0 shutout accompanied her 8-0 win on the doubles court.

On the men's side, the Mules won two of three doubles matches and swept the singles to tally their first Conference win. At No. 1 doubles, Senior Adam Nodiff teamed with Freshman Brian Wernick for the first time to

win 8-3. Nodiff won a close 7-5, 6-4 match at No. 2 singles. Wernick also took his match. Coming back from a set down, Sophomore Jesse Kirschenbaum contributed to the College's singles shutout by winning his match at the No. 3 spot.

On Sunday, the men traveled to Mahwah, NJ to face Ramapo College. The College pulled out the second win of the weekend in the final match.

Junior Michael DiVita won his third set, 6-3 after winning a second-set tiebreaker. His third set win sealed the win for both himself and the College.

Nodiff joined Wernick for the second day in a row to win at first doubles. Nodiff also won his No. 1 singles match in three sets. The doubles point was decided by the No. 3 match in which Freshmen Timothy Ness and Andrew Brick won the tiebreaker.

The men's next match is the New York Invitational on Tuesday 11 at 1:00 p.m. while the women take on Dickinson College today at 3:30 p.m. at home and travel to Gettysburg College this Saturday for a 3:00 p.m. match.

TENNIS

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A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER



Immigration, Nationalism and Cultural Identity

Coming to America: The history of immigration

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Immigration is an important part of American history. In fact, the United States was built upon immigration. Currently, the United States has the most open immigration policy in the world.



Photo by Stacy Romascavage

People immigrated for many reasons. However, between the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, millions of people came to America in pursuit of a better, freer life. In some situations, immigrants were fleeing from their country's government.

Some of these governments were corrupt and kept their citizens wallowing in misery. Many people were tired of living in economically-, socially- and politically- oppressive conditions.

Cuba is a country that has an oppressive government and some Cubans try to get to America by any way possible. Those people view America as the salvation that will give them a better life and the chance to have a fresh start. Likewise, during the middle of the 19th century, millions of Irish entered the country, fleeing the starvation brought on by the great Potato Famine.

People from certain countries who wanted to immigrate to America needed a ticket to secure their trip. Tickets were in such high demand that people had to wait a lengthy period of time to reserve a seat.

That hope of eventually securing passage to America, however, is what let many immigrants continue waiting, undeterred, for their chance to go to America.

On the East Coast, most immigrants were greeted by the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Ellis Island is a national symbol of America's immigrant heritage and history. In fact, there is wall stretching along the coast of the island that holds the names of many of the immigrants who passed through this historic checkpoint.

From 1892 to 1954, this island processed the

nation's greatest flow of incoming citizens from across the Atlantic Ocean. Nearly twelve million immigrants entered America this way.

On the West Coast, between 1910 and 1940, the wooden buildings of Angel Island, located in the San Francisco Bay, were the first sight seen by many Asian immigrants.

Like Ellis Island, immigrants entering through Angel Island were processed, but here they were separated by their specific nationalities. Europeans or immigrants who had first or second class tickets would have their papers processed onboard the ship and would be allowed to leave the boat. Asians and other immigrants including Russians, Mexicans and others who needed to be examined for health reasons, would be ferried to Angel Island for processing.

Some immigrants had to deal with traumatic or tragic journeys. They took those experiences as being necessary to begin their lives in America. Now, looking back, we observe their journeys and their hardships with awe and immense respect.

Sicknesses, poor conditions during voyages, being taken advantage of in a new country and being treated unfairly--the many brave citizens of this country took this treatment in stride in order to fulfill the American Dream.

It is because of their strength and determination to make the second chance at their life work that we, their descendents and beneficiaries, have the chance to hold such dreams. We owe them a country--and a treasured place in all of our histories.

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When do identities matter?

By Janine Chi, Ph.D.
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When I was asked to write about "nationalism, immigration and cultural identity," the request was accompanied by the questions "Why do some people more strongly identify with their heritage than others? What conditions cause this?" At the risk of sounding like an over-educated indecisive academic, my immediate response was "Well...it's complicated."

Let me begin by establishing some parameters; for the purposes of this discussion, I'll use the term 'heritage' loosely to mean inherited and/or adopted cultural expressions. So, let's proceed by taking a few initial stabs at this seemingly simple question.

We must first acknowledge that cultural identities (racial/ethnic/sexual/religious/national) are fluid, malleable and situational. A Chinese living outside of China identifies somewhat differently from a Chinese living in mainland China. Similarly, a Catholic living in New York City, NY will probably identify differently from a Catholic living in Minburn, Iowa.

In other words, the degree of identification with a specific 'heritage' is largely contextual, and dependent on socio-cultural and political-economic conditions. Furthermore, identities are intersectional and multi-dimensional.

Take my initial example of the Chinese living outside of China; what if that Chinese was female? Would a Chinese woman living outside of China identify differently from a Chinese woman living in China? And, what if the Chinese living outside of China was an American citizen?

It is clear from this trite example that the issue of identification has less to do with the individual per se, and more to do with what is going on around the individual--in the local community, regional population, national public and international arena. As such, situational factors dictate when identities matter; they can matter more when there is a perception of threat or when there is a need to belong.

I suppose one could further complicate the initial question by considering "What does 'strongly identify' mean?" The strength to which one identifies with a particular 'heritage' can manifest itself in so many ways--dress, food, speech,

voting, music, art, values, occupation, etc. By carefully specifying how one chooses to articulate 'heritage,' one can avoid reductionist arguments about individual identity and behavior, recognize that individuals are part of group processes and thus be positioned to appreciate the larger forces shaping and affecting the multiple articulations of 'heritage.'

Finally, to understand the conditions that affect degrees of identification, one must consider the power relations between and across social groups and institutions in society. For example, one must con-

sider the extent to which the Iraqi government has a stake in cultivating a 'national heritage' whilst de-emphasizing the ethno-religious claims of Shi'ites and Sunnis.

Similarly, one must consider the stakes for the Kurdish minority in light of an Iraqi 'national identity.' To put it bluntly, one must confront the deeper questions of belonging, place and group solidarity. In other words: "What is being claimed?" and "What is at stake for those making the claims?" Unfortunately, the answers to those questions warrant more time and space than what is available here.



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Questioning nationality

By Rosalind Newsholme
Class of '07

I used to be a confused alien. Actually, I was a resident alien of the United States. Now I am a confused American citizen. I was born in South Africa to British parents, moved to England and now live in the US. That's where the confusion comes in. I don't really know what I am, legally. I became an American citizen not long ago and was told that I had to renounce all other citizenships. Fair enough.

A declaration of faithfulness to one nation won't allow for faithfulness to another, will it? Not in America's book. So my South African and British citizenships are "gone," but according to those countries I am still a citizen of theirs. They allow for multi-citizenships. So what am I legally?



Photo Courtesy of Rosalind Newsholme

I don't know. Naturalization process aside, I still don't know what I am. Parts of me belong to different nations and this changes according to where I am. In England, with my family, I'm very American. To them my American accent, which developed half-way through my life, is a symbol of complete change.

To them I only wear my green Wellington boots because they're available to be worn, not because nothing else will do. In England I am English. I see where I came from; where my relatives came from. In South Africa I am of all three nations.

I retrace my beginnings and reflect on the places that I've lived since I left. In South Africa I see my start, my past and my recent education, having just visited last autumn. In America I am American. I speak like my friends. I've been to baseball games and feel fuzzy when I sit on top of my car and watch fireworks on the Fourth of July.

When I travel home from Muhlenberg this falls apart. I walk in the door of my house near Philadelphia, Pa. and my Mum, Polly, puts the kettle on. She says that my father is just outside pruning his fruit trees. Sure enough I look through the window and see him in his green Wellies, completely unaware of the light rain falling on him. I take my tea and sit in our living room, setting the cup on an elephant stool that we bartered for in South Africa years ago. A pair of wooden giraffes stares at me from across the room. I can't escape my past.

My older sister made a desperate attempt to shed her Englishness when she was younger. At nine years of age she used to stand in front of her mirror at home and practice an American accent so the kids at school would stop teasing her. To make it worse she had a mullet then. My Mum thought that was fashionable.

The mix of national identity and allegiance that my family now has keeps a sense of variation in their lives. Like most Americans who have ties to several nations, I too find myself developing an identity that is cognizant of my present and past.

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I am an American first, everything else later

By Julie Strasser '06
Executive Editor

In my elementary school, every year we had to do a project on our heritage. We had to make a flag, interview family members and research the country we had chosen. When my classmates presented their projects, they would always start out by saying "I'm Polish" or "I'm Irish" or "I'm Italian" and many would have examples of how the food they ate or the holidays they celebrated were ways in which their family remembered their ancestral home.

I had no such examples. While my family and I are proud of our German/Austrian/English/ Native American heritage, we identify wholly with being American. America is the country we live in, America is the country we die for and so American we are.

Granted, my family has had time to assimilate to America. The last direct link between Germany, Austria or England and me was through some of my grandparents' parents, who were born abroad and later immigrated to America, but I had never met them. There were no recipes, no pictures, no memories from any of these countries and so I never had any nostalgia or long-

ing put on me for countries I had never visited until recently.

As a junior I studied in England and had the opportunity to travel to Vienna, Austria. As I walked through the city by the Danube River, I grew excited seeing my last name on multiple storefronts and street signs and rifling through pages and pages of Strassers listed in the phone book. Though the connection may be superficial, it gave me a tangible association with the place where two of my great-grandparents, and many relatives before them, were born and lived until deciding to try life in America.

I'm grateful for this experience, but I still would never say that "I'm Austrian." My great-grandparents didn't leave Austria for America so that their great-granddaughter would cling to a nationality that she doesn't really understand nor have any immediate association with, apart from her last name.

I can appreciate those who do want to keep their ancestral ties alive; when I was younger, I often wished that my family had a tradition or ate a food that came from somewhere across the Atlantic Ocean. As I've grown older, however, my identification as an American has gotten stronger and I can proudly say that I am an American first and everything else later.



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Defining who I really am: The difficulties of labeling oneself

By Jo Hurdes
Class of '08

Everyone knows the icebreaker game where you go around in a circle and say your name and one or two things that cannot be told by your physical appearance alone. Usually people tell how many siblings they have or what their favorite color is. I usually conform to the popular answers, but every once and in awhile I'll feel compelled to say something different, like "I wasn't born in the

United States." People sometimes inquire as to where I was born and how I got here but it usually ends at that. If I really wanted people to know something about me that they couldn't get from my physical appearance, I could say that I know nothing of what it is like to live in South Korea. The only cultures I know are the Irish and Eastern European cultures of my parents.

I know that my family eats seafood on Christmas Eve in keeping with my father's European tradition. I am a Roman Catholic from my mother's side. On the Fourth of July we have a barbeque and light fireworks because that's just what we do in America.

People have asked me numerous times if I ever wonder about what it's like living in Korea. Sure I wonder but it doesn't consume me. The life I live here in America with my family is all I know and it is that with which I have come to identify.

My parents decided to keep my birth name, Hei-Song (which means something along the

lines of treasure delight) as my middle name so I was not completely detached from my roots.

However, I don't talk about my middle name often because it's not something I can relate to or identify with. It wasn't until I became older that I began to disassociate myself from my roots and cling to the culture in which I was raised.

I wouldn't say that I have identity issues or need therapy, but there are times when it is hard not to feel like an outsider. For instance, when I visit my family in Ohio for Christmas, I am the one (apart from my adopted brother) who looks different from the fifty others.

Of course, none of my family views me as an outcast but it does make me think sometimes when I am lodged in a group of people with the last name Bennett.

I believe what makes my situation, and that of those who are adopted to parents of another race, different from others is the fact that people usually have the same culture to come home to, but for me that is not the case.

Sylvia Plath once said, "I took a deep breath and listened to the old bray of my heart. I am. I am. I am." I am a college student. I am a sophomore. I am a biology major. I am a Christian. I am a lover of cats and Dr. Pepper. I am one in a sea of faces. I am a South Korean by birth, Irish-Catholic, German and Czechoslovakian by adoption. But most importantly, I am me.



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Learning about cultures while studying abroad

By Luanne Linares
Asst. Focus Editor

Studying abroad has always been a popular choice among college students. As the chart to the right shows, its popularity has increased and next year the largest amount of students to date will leave the College and the United States to go abroad. Most students have chosen to study in the relatively "safe" countries of England, Italy, Australia, Netherlands and Spain--but students have been extending their outlooks even further.

This year, for example, students went to India, Hungary and Israel. Next year students are planning to study in Egypt and Ghana.

Are the programs becoming safer or are our students becoming braver?

Either way, students know that studying abroad is the best way to learn and empathize with other cultures and gain an insight into another way of life. By earning the chance to dissect other cultures one will be able to more firmly identify with their own culture and nationality.

Data Compiled by Donna Kish-Goodling, Ph.D.
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Country	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Argentina			1	1	4
Australia	20	21	28	25	20
Botswana					1
Chile					1
China			1		
Czech Republic	1	1		3	
Denmark	1		2	1	1
Ecuador	1				
Egypt					1
England	29	34	31	35	54
France	6	3	3	6	10
Germany	1				2
Ghana	1	1			1
Hungary				1	
India				1	
Ireland	3	7		3	8
Israel				1	1
Italy	14	20	24	27	41
Japan			1	1	
Mexico		1		1	1
Netherlands	19	15	17	13	13
Panama				1	
Russia					1
Scotland	6	7	8	8	5
South Africa		1	1	3	5
Spain	15	7	10	16	20
TOTAL	117	118	127	147	190

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The College honors students and faculty at the eighth annual Henry Awards.
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Journalist Ray Suarez announced as commencement speaker

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Apr. 13, it was announced by the College that Ray Suarez, Senior Correspondent for NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, will speak at the College's 158th commencement on May 21, 2006. Suarez has over 25 years of news experience, including most recently his work at PBS, where he began working in 1999.

Suarez holds a Bachelor of Arts in African History from New York University and a Masters of Arts in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago,

where he studied urban affairs.

He is the author of *The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999*. The book is a social commentary on the causes of the destitution found in the inner city.

A longtime member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Suarez knows the Lehigh Valley area very well. He has a deep interest in the area not only because of the demographics, but because of the Lehigh Valley's rich history with steel and the steel mills.

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- Ken Butler,
Executive Assistant
to the President

very uplifting and inspiring. With his background, he is best fit to deliver an impactful speech for students,"

said Ken Butler, Executive Assistant to the President. There is a common notion that "nobody remembers their graduation speakers. We want to change that."

"Someone like Ray Suarez will be able to deliver a great speech. Not only is he credible, but he has only delivered around three or four commencement speeches. Someone like Maya Angelou, with over 100 speeches, will have less of an impact because Suarez isn't limited with what he is going to say and he has a great excitement to deliver the speech," said Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations.

In years past, there were big name speakers such as David Gergen, Bill Cosby, Arlen Specter and Robert Schieffer, who received honorary degrees when they spoke at graduation.

"Commencement is about the students. The honorary degrees are handed out in the beginning to give due respect to the graduating class, which are the most important part of the day," Bruckner said.

"Suarez is a middle class, impartial citizen, who's part of possibly one of the more respective television shows

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Social Research/Social Justice Conference held in conjunction with RJ Fellows Symposium

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Apr. 6 and Apr. 7, the Third Annual Lehigh Valley Association of Colleges (LVAIC) Social Research/ Social Justice Conference was held in conjunction with the RJ Fellows Symposium. These events lasted for a span of two days and included various sessions. One of these included exploring identity, a facet that would play a large role in the senior presentations. Other sessions included roundtable discussions in which change was addressed as a whole.

Nadine Goldman '07, explained that, "Basically, the RJ program is on change...studying it from different disciplines."

Indeed in the final session, which was devoted to allowing the senior class time to share their digital presentations with other students, change was a common theme.

Before the students were released to view the audio presentations, there was a brief introduction about

the purpose of the RJ Fellows program and the importance of converting the information learned at the College into action in life. One speaker said that, "Poverty is everywhere, but in the midst of poverty, there is the struggle to improve."

The presentations echoed this message, though their contents held worlds of differences.

Brittany Casterline '06, who is majoring in Business Administration, addressed this message of change directly in her discussion of what it was like to be a Big Sister through the Students Have a Real Effect (SHARE) program. Casterline saw, through this experience, how important involvement and service is to the lives of many.

John McGinniss '06, a Neuroscience major, discussed some of the problems with standardization and low prices in medicine today. Through this, he argued, the patient's health seems to be at odds with the technicalities of the insurance system. Some procedures, for

example, might be denied to patients who need them for health reasons, under the grounds that they are cosmetic procedures.

Rachel Courtney '06 and Kristin Burkhart '06 devoted their presentations to family experiences. Courtney spoke of experiences with her grandfather, while Burkhart discussed the problem of alcoholism within families.

Sarah Hunter '06, a Religion and English double major, approached the problem of anti-intellectualism. She worried that education in itself was no longer seen as important or even enough to act as a good citizen. Rather, education has become a means to an end, rather than an end in and of itself. Within her presentation, Hunter discussed her English Honors Thesis,

involving a close study of Edmund Spenser's "The Fairie Queene".

The seniors who took part in this program were the first to enter the RJ Fellows program and these events were the completion of their program.



Three first-year students, new members of RJ Fellows, attended the Symposium.

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Online registration: where are you now?

The College has taken steps to remain forever in the Stone Age. In the Feb. 9, 2006 article "Online Registration: it's on its way," administrators expressed that online registration could occur as early as Fall 2007 and that it might be even earlier for some, with test groups running this spring. The reality is that online registration is much further off. To no one's surprise, the test group did not run.

The College Community supports online registration. From students who can't wait until they can roll over in bed and type in their class schedule, to Debbie Tante-Horan, Registrar, who mentioned in the Feb. 9 article how much "easier [this would be] for the Registrar's staff" and how she hoped the add/drop forms would be online as well. Matt Loesch '07, former head of Student Council's Technology Committee, even reported that Harry Miller, Director of the Office of Information Technology, expressed optimism about using Capstone, essentially saying that the program was ready. With all of these positive reactions, the question remains: why didn't anything happen?

This is not the first time that online registration has been promised and not delivered. For years, rumors have flown that next semester we will finally register by computer. Each semester, another problem arises, and we finally realize that it isn't happening when we are sitting in line on the stairs of Haas. When President Randy Helm feared that not all students would want to register by computer, the committee made provisions that allowed students to decide to register online or by hand. When people felt that online registration might ruin the "Caring College" atmosphere, estranging students from their advisors and thereby causing students to not meet their graduation requirements, Student Council brainstormed ways to ensure that students would still meet with their advisors. Simply having the advisor approve a student online after they meet or give the student a password to register fixed this problem.

Discussion solved each of the preceding problems but with all of these little issues halting the process for another semester, we are beginning to wonder if the College is not simply dragging its feet.

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

The Senior Connections Campaign is a philanthropic-focused initiative that was introduced in 2005. A collaborative effort of the Alumni Relations and Muhlenberg Fund offices, the Campaign has become a year-long initiative designed at educating seniors on ways to stay connected, involved and committed to the College after graduation.

The Campaign's driving force is a group of students known as the Student Executive Board: Allison Colino '06, Chairperson; Stacy Lipschutz '06, Co-Chairperson; Keiko Yoshida '06, Marketing; Lori Giesberg '06, Events Planner; and Kevin Brydzinski '06, Class Gift Chair. Further credit goes to a body of students known as Class Agents, whose main interest is spreading the news about the Campaign and the various ways to show support.

Seniors: your alma mater matters

Overall, the emphasis of the Campaign is to outline the importance of staying involved with your alma mater. No matter where life takes you after you graduate, you always have the College.

Senior Connections Campaign Agents are largely responsible for informing their peers about the ways to stay involved in the life of the College through Muhlenberg's online community, www.myMuhlenberg.com, regional clubs and other volunteer opportunities, as well as the ways to make a gift in support of the College.

New to the Campaign this year is the option of making a gift in honor of a professor, parent or fellow classmate. The Campaign has been the host of several large-scale celebratory senior events, such as the Sept. 9, 2005 Welcome Back Barbeque, which featured the Rebel Saints; the Nov. 15, 2005 Thank You Muhlenberg Reception and the Feb. 26, 2006 Wine and Cheese Reception.

The Campaign has made great progress with the senior class and is aiming high. If the senior class meets President Randy Helm's challenge of receiving 50 percent participation and an average class gift of 20.06 dollars, Helm will invite all Class of 2006 students who have contributed to the Senior Class Gift to a celebratory barbeque at his home. Moreover, if the class attains 60 percent participation, Chairman of the Board Rich Brueckner will match the money raised dollar for dollar.

Seniors, there's no better time than the present to reach out and connect with your alma mater. Let's make this Campaign goal a success!

--Desiree Sedehi '08

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Not all athletes are "Devilish"



**World News
&
Politics**

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Last week I got into a familiar fight with a friend of mine. She had been accepted to a local university that is not only a great school, but a powerhouse in Division I sports. Unfortunately for her, the school offered her nothing in the way of scholarship or financial aid money. Yet, one of my other good friends who goes to that same school was offered a sizeable grant and scholarship money despite lower class rank, GPA and SAT score. The reason he was offered the money was because he was an All-State football player.

Unfortunately, sometimes athletes, or "meatheads," mess up and give all collegiate athletes a bad name. Sometime during the last week the story broke about members of Duke University's team allegedly raping an exotic dancer.

We have all heard both sides of this argument. Right here at tiny Muhlenberg, my friends and I have heard people criticize us because we were accepted and received grant money (not for sports--come on now, this is Division III). Many people refer to athletes as "meatheads" and most of us athletes laugh and embrace the term. It is a harmless joke, certainly nothing worth getting angry about, especially when athletes achieve GPAs just as high as anyone here, and on more grueling schedules.

Unfortunately, sometimes athletes, or "meatheads," mess up and give all collegiate athletes a bad name. Sometime last week the story broke about members of Duke University's men's lacrosse team allegedly raping an exotic dancer. The coach has been forced to resign and an investigation is pending. At the university, some deep tensions have risen involving the athlete's status and race.

A quick glance at the composition of the Blue Devil's lacrosse team and of the situation finds reason for the racial tensions. The team is comprised of roughly 40 players, only one of whom is black. The dancer at the party was a 27-year-old black student, who attended nearby North Carolina Central University. Looking at the social factors, the neighborhood the lacrosse house is located in is a lower middle-class town outside of the University. Duke is an

Now the argument I pose for this issue is from another article. However, summed up briefly, I stated that talent should be rewarded and the fact that he could balance football and academics well in high school should be recognized. Of course, my friend wanted to hear none of that and complained of "meatheads" who get into schools and gain grant money because they could tackle somebody with a football.

Weekly Discourse: An Immigration Nation

Build a big wall

John Dunphy
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Wouldn't it have been amazing if over three hundred years ago, when the first European settlers were coming to America, they were turned away by the Native Americans? If the people who were truly "American" closed down their borders to outside immigrants? Where would we be? How would our concept of the world have differed? Luckily for us and the millions of people living in America today, this was not the case. Yet, now we see the "Great Melting Pot," the country founded by immigrants, turning its back on those who wish for a portion of the same great nation of which we are so proud.

In recent news, there has been a lot of discussion over whether or not immigration policies should be changed in accordance with the mass amount of people entering the country illegally. It seems to have started with an Arizona Senate race in which border control became a hot-button issue amongst the candidates. Democratic candidate Jim

Pederson went to the US-Mexican border and found large areas of fencing missing, as well as infrequent passes by the border patrol and large holes existing in the remaining fencing. Republican incumbent John Kyl had made border patrol a major part of his platform and it appeared he was doing very little to bring about actual change.

To all of this, I have to say, "So what?" America broadcasts its greatness all over the world. Ask Mr. Dubya which country is the best in the world and you'll bet your red, white and blue arse that he's going to say America and maybe give a little "yahoo" at the end. We are one of the greatest nations in the world, but to portray ourselves as such and then not let people in when they want a taste of the democratic action is like hosting a really rocking party and only letting in certain people. It's like Studio 54 on a much larger scale.

I'm not saying that these people shouldn't have some sort of documentation. There should be some

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Go back to the roots

Megan Glick
OP-ED EDITOR

Marcel Proust once said, "Discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." Since it's one of my all-time favorite quotations, it's not too surprising that these words have crossed my mind in light of the recent buzz about America's immigrants, legal and illegal. With the bulk of the discussion centering around Mexican immigrants, I cannot help but think that it's really true that in many of their cases, discovery of a better life and of opportunity can only be found in a country like America. This country is pretty easily accessible and has long lured people with its promises of "the pursuit of happiness."

Proust's "new eyes" (in this case interpreted as reform of the Mexican state so that emigration of Mexican citizens to the United States would not seem as urgent or necessary) are simply not possible. Why else, and I hope I'm not being simplistic, would they risk so much (the possibility of being caught emigrating illegally and the heartache

of leaving behind loved ones) only to make so little?

Watching *The Daily Show* last week, I had to agree with guest Fareed Zakaria that America is taking all the wrong steps in seeming to be leaning toward adopting more European-style (especially French) policies and attitudes towards both legal and illegal immigrants. People under those styles of policies tend to feel marginalized socially and politically, feelings which can only (rightly) lead to resentment, and as we've seen in France with its Muslim population, extended bouts of violence. I would like to think that Zakaria would agree with me that it is the United States which needs "new eyes" in terms of immigration.

These "new eyes," I believe, will be ours as soon as we can take a few steps back, think about our relatively short history as an independent nation and think realistically about immigration in light of our push towards globalization and a global market. We truly are a nation of immigrants, whether we're

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sort of paperwork involved, at least to show citizenship in other countries just so that we can keep tabs on the numbers for sheer demographic purposes, but they should not be forced to go through hoops of fire just to have the same benefits that we do. If a person comes to America wishing to work and participate in the country's economic structure, then by all means, they should. I know plenty of America citizens who don't want to participate in the politics of this country. We're not sending them away. We really should just trade.

Immigration itself has always been a huge part of America's history. During the Holocaust, thousands of people of the Jewish faith came to America to flee Hitler, including Albert Einstein. Granted, those were different circumstances, but the premise is the same. We need to keep our borders open, and not only that, we need our own countrymen and women to have a greater outlook on the rest of the world. Maybe if we aided other countries in their problems, we would have flock there.

Who knows? It may seem far away to our little college, but these issues do affect Americans and thus we should take an interest. One of the biggest cases against immigration is the thought that they will be "stealing" jobs away from

Americans. To this, I have one response: There are jobs out there that need to be done and there are many that require grueling labor and horrible hours.

However, the fact of the matter is that Americans haven't been taking these jobs. Please pardon the stereotype, but harvesting crops is not how the average American

hopes to make his wages. Not only that, but it isn't how the average American makes his wage. What I would like to see is the unionization of immigrants. I fully believe that because we have grown so accustomed to the labor provided by these individuals, if they were all to leave or get deported, then our agricultural economy would flounder. Once again, I ask that you forgive the general assumption that these immigrants are going to be working in fields, but I just watched *Mind of Mencia* last night, and Mencia said something along those lines that I thought, although not politically correct, would be appropriate.

Another problem that people claim mass immigration will have on the country is that the areas in which these people live will become economically unsound as the community tries to provide essential housing and food for the people coming in. This, however, is not just a problem of immigration and it is certainly not a new problem. Over-population has been running rampant in our country for ages. Did anyone ever think, that maybe instead of closing off the borders, we should instead find better means of creating electricity, growing food or creating areas where it is safe and sound to live? No. Not at all.

Why invest money into programs that could not only benefit America and possibly the world when we can use the same money to build a really big wall along the border? A nice wall too. Good masonry. You know, a job that big is going to take a lot of work. Gee, I wonder who would be willing to work out in the sun for that long just to earn money to help feed their families? Now that would be irony and a half.

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speaking of 12,000 years ago and Native American tribes finding new homes all across the continent, or the Mayflower or any of the other numerous waves of immigrants to this land. To deny citizenship to anyone who fills out the correct paperwork and follows all the rules is ludicrous. The fact that it is the Mexican immigrant population being targeted really bothers me; I feel that if those in power looked more like those asking to be a part of this country, we wouldn't be having this conversation, if you catch my drift.

Zakaria spoke about "guest workers" and other types of immigrants within Europe who are never fully granted citizenship. When he said this, I found myself questioning my allegiance to this country as I'm about to graduate and hopefully move to Europe (and gain dual citizenship in a European Union country). Do I want to live with the possibility of never being treated as an equal (as citizenship implies) or never gaining the rights and privileges I feel I've earned? I will never give up my American citizenship, no matter how much I may disagree with the leaders and administration. I know I'm lucky to have been born in this country; but then again, aren't the children of any immigrants lucky to be born here? The way things are going right now, they are only lucky if their parents are already on the road to becoming naturalized citizens.

The idea that immigration is being so hotly discussed merely because of November's midterm elections is even more cause for concern in my opinion, proving that the US is far from the right "new eyes." To play with the lives of about 12 million people (the estimated population of illegal immigrants from Mexico) just for votes is heinous.

While I could wax philosophical for awhile longer, there are a few specific aspects of this issue that I feel do need to be addressed.

Watching The Daily Show last week, I had to agree with guest Fareed Zakaria that America is taking all the wrong steps...

Borders do need to be enforced, both our northern and southern borders, as well as those less tangible ones through which the rest of the world enters the States. I believe strong borders not only protect us but also protect those trying to immigrate illegally and therefore usually unsafely.

In terms of expressing nationalism and their hope to one day be American citizens, I'm not so sure the fervent waving of Mexican flags at the recent marches is truly the best option. I'm by no means planning on waving the American flag as I enter Sweden's government buildings to fill out residency papers.

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Immigration requires sacrifice in order to acquire all the great things a new country has to offer.

Economically, I do not feel that jobs have been stolen from Americans by immigrants; we do have an unemployment problem and millions living way below the poverty line but this is not something that is beyond fixing in my opinion. A little common sense, a little less greed on the part of politicians and upper-echelons of business and a lot more long-term thinking might get us a few steps closer to a solution that would make everyone happy. I think even taking some extreme measures, such as different types of affirmative action, to better integrate our total immigrant population is something we very well may have to face as the "face" of our nation continues to change.

I hope George W. Bush and Congress will carefully consider all the outcomes of any possible decisions they make and look past approval ratings and potential votes. I hope they consider the beginnings of this nation and that search they find new eyes worthy of our praise.

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made up mostly of upper-class students.

The recent release of an email by one of the players has sent the entire university and surrounding area into a fury. After the party, one of the players typed that he wanted to invite strippers back to his room and "kill and skin them."

Recent investigations have shown the rowdy and privileged life the lacrosse team had on campus. Residents of the neighborhood had protested the loud noise and trash all over the yard, only to be cursed out by the team. The university took no action. Nearly one-third of the team has an arrest record. Prior incidents have been discovered involving assaults of other people by the team.

elite institution,

Basically, these lacrosse kids who are known as "The Meatheads" on campus were, and have been, out of control. These upper-class white kids are now being targeted and they deserve nothing less of long jail sentences if the accusations are true. The funny thing is, I have been to a feeder high school for Duke lacrosse. A prep school that we played in football during high school sends kids every year to Duke to play lacrosse. The kid who typed the email went to this school.

My father used to joke and call the Student Body there "the Aryan race." The all-boys' school was seemingly made up of nothing but 6'3, 250-pound, blond-haired athletes who focused on sports year round. Kids came from all over the state to live at this high school and do

nothing but train for college sports. Prep schools like this exist everywhere and they give college athletes a bad name.

These are the kids you hear about being allowed to skip class and being given "A's" on tests they did not take. The year-round emphasis on nothing but athletics breeds problems, like the ones at Duke right now. These kids feel untouchable and they are treated as such by their University.

The important thing to remember is not to make the generalization that all college athletes have the same backgrounds and behaviors. Athletes here aren't like that, and athletes in most other schools aren't like that. Don't hate "The Meatheads" because of the disgrace that is happening now at Duke.

Getting a haircut helps a good cause

By Michael Dello Buono
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In Seegers Union, the College Community had the opportunity to donate to an important cause while improving their hairstyle. The "Cut-A-Thon" took place on Apr. 10 with the ten dollar donation going to the non-profit organization: Community Bike Works is after-school youth development and work ethic program that offers the youth of Allentown a safe and con-

structive outlet. The community service event, aptly named "Cut-A-Thon," featured stylists from London Salon, Faces and Showtime Barbershop, all of who heeded the call and devoted their time and services free of charge. The effort raised five hundred dollars.

The coordination of the Cut-A-Thon was no menial task. Lori Singerman '06 and Chris Garland '08 spearheaded the program. After interning at Community Bike Works,

Singerman left with a unique knowledge of the program's potential and an intimacy with its employees, which proved to be a valuable asset. Val Lane, Director of Community Service, and Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service, offered assistance.

Stefan Goslawski, the founder and owner of Community Bike Works, and coworker Emily Close provided the final link needed to make the event a reality. A large group of Resident Assistants lent a hand by decking the halls with multi-colored advertisements. Phi Sigma Sigma sorority manned the info tables throughout the Cut-A-Thon and the Dynamics capped everything off with an a cappella performance.

"Over the course of my four years spent at Muhlenberg I've heard people say time and again that they feel as though they live in a bubble," said Singerman. However, reality lies just a few blocks away. These are our neighborhoods, our parks, our school districts and therefore, it's also our obligation as residents of Allentown to help

support the people and places that make up this town.

A person doesn't need to be involved in an organization in order to make a difference, rather just try envisioning what you'd want to change about this town, and set out to do it. People may say they're afraid to walk down the streets of downtown Allentown. Well, if that's the case, then join an organization that works to prevent drug use and abuse amongst high school students," said Singerman.

Children involved in Bike Works are able to gain entry into the Earn-A-Bike program. This particular facet of the organization consists of thirteen two hours sessions, which provide instruction in bike mechanics and safety, employment skills, communication skills and business concepts as the youngsters work together to refurbish bicycles. Upon completion of the program, each child receives his or her own bicy-



A student receives a 10 dollar haircut, with the proceeds going towards charity.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

cle and helmet.

Community Bike Works also offers children the opportunity to enroll in the Homework and Reading Program. Children who need help with homework or find reading challenging are paired with a college student. They work together to develop a better understanding of the skills the child can use both inside and outside of the classroom.

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On Apr. 13, it was announced by the College that Ray Suarez, Senior Correspondent for NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, will speak at the College's 158th commencement on May 21, 2006. "[Suarez] will bring a perspective of diverse thought we are not normally accustomed to hearing."

-Katie Mumper '06

Suarez holds a Bachelor of Arts in African History from New York University and a Masters of Arts in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, where he studied urban affairs.

He is the author of *The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999*. The book is a social commentary on the causes of the destitution found in the inner city.

A longtime member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Suarez knows the Lehigh Valley area very well. He has a deep interest in the area not only because of the demographics, but because of the Lehigh Valley's rich history with steel and the steel mills.

"Suarez was chosen as speaker not only because of his great speaking ability, but because of his knowledge about the area. He is very uplifting and inspiring. With his background, he is best fit to deliver an impacting speech for students," said Ken Butler, Executive Assistant to the President. There is a common notion that "nobody remembers their graduation speakers. We want to change that."

"Someone like Ray Suarez will be able to deliver a great speech. Not only is he credible, but he has only delivered around three

Fraternities participate in Greek Week

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's annual Greek Week was held Apr. 3-9 with only fraternity participation. The week played out with less publicity and campus involvement and smaller crowds than in previous years.

Greek Week is the spring-time seven day event celebrated by colleges and universities across the nation where fraternities and sororities participate in friendly competitions. Typical events include tug-of-war, swimming relay and a lip sync contest. It's similar to summer camp color war with smarter-sounding names.

This year the College's usually loud and spirited Greek Week was stifled by an unfortunate combination of red tape and weather.

In an unusual twist, the sororities did not participate in this year's Greek Week. According to Lydia Hill '07, President of the Panhellenic Council (the governing board for sororities), the sororities did not have enough time to plan for the action-packed week due to the fact that many of the chapters were involved in judicial investigations or were accused of misbehavior.

The Panhellenic Council

decided that they did not want to participate in Greek Week unless all four sororities could take part in the fun. "Greek unity is important for the Greek community and is what Panhellenic Council stands for," said Hill. Sororities used the week as a platform to raise money for Tara Demarzo, a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority as the week coincided with the "Dedication. Desire. Demarzo" campaign.

Losing the sororities meant losing the banner-making contest and lip sync, two events that heavily promote Greek Week and increase campus interest. It also meant losing a lot of the crowd support. Logan Romm '07, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity said, "The girls go to a lot of the events and since they didn't participate they didn't go."

Geoff Zinberg '07, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, said there was "less spirit" this year and that "not having lip sync hurt."

Soggy weather also rained out the kickoff barbeque, a key event that gets the campus in the know. A freak occurrence of April snow cancelled the ultimate frisbee tournament. Fate was not on Greek Life's side

this season.

Despite the obvious obstacles, Josh Krititz '07, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council, said that he was very happy with how the men handled Greek Week. "The most positive part was seeing all of the camaraderie." Underneath the bowling tournaments and home run derbies is a rare opportunity for members of different chapters to just "hang out."

Louis Marquet '07, President of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, echoed Krititz, saying that Greek Week gave brothers the opportunity to meet and spend time with people from other houses that they may not have met otherwise.

Events this year included frisbee golf, dodgeball, a last man standing game show and for the first time, soccer and football tournaments.

According to Krititz, each fraternity won at least one event and everyone had fun.




The final tally: Delta Tau Delta won with 111 points, Sigma Phi Epsilon placed second with 93 points, Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Epsilon Pi rounded out the event with 68 and 44 points, respectively.

What does Delta Tau Delta win? Bragging rights until next year's Greek Week.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown apartment burns down, no reported injuries

A fire in Allentown, Pa. caused one apartment on 113 North Fourth Street to burn and caused smoke damage to seven other apartments in the complex.

The cause of the fire remains unknown. Meghan Hauck, 21, and Joe Oberneder, 23, who have lived in this apartment complex together for the past two months, said they called 911 when they smelled smoke. They banged on the doors of the other apartments to warn tenants of the fire. Everyone escaped the burning apartment building unharmed.

It took three hours for 18 firefighters to put out the fire. It is unknown how long the tenants will be displaced but many of them are now living with relatives. All tenants have received meal and grocery vouchers.

Allentown residents participate in easter egg hunt

The Lehigh Valley's largest Easter Egg Hunt took place on Easter Sunday. The turnout exceeded 3,000 people. Reverend Randy Landis of Life Church in Allentown said "We really thought people would take advantage of the other egg hunts around the Valley today. I guess we did a good job marketing."

The eggs were filled with candy, but some children were lucky enough to find a ticket in their egg that led them to a bigger prize. Some of the prizes included a big-screen television, portable video game systems and toys.

Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown, who attended the egg hunt with his children said, "Some things have to change for the next time, but there will be a next time. It was fun."

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In South Hall, a fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn that was in the microwave.

Apr. 10 - Injured Student - Two students playing basketball in the Life Sports Center smacked their heads together. Those present called Campus Safety. The two students were sent to the hospital for the cuts on their foreheads.

Apr. 10 - Larceny/Theft - A cell phone was stolen out of the Garden Room. The theft took place between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. The issue is still being investigated by Campus Safety.

Apr. 10 - Institutional Vandalism - In Walz Hall, a rock was thrown into the window of a male student's room. He told his Resident Advisor (RA) and the RA suggested he call Campus Safety. The student filed a

report about the thrown rock.

Apr. 11 - Vehicle Violation - A car was illegally parked in a handicapped parking spot in the 26th and Chew Street parking lot. It was booted by Campus Safety because it had 2100 dollars worth of unpaid parking tickets.

Apr. 11 - Theft - In the 500 block on N. 22nd Street, a parked car was broken into. Stereo equipment was stolen out of the vehicle. This theft took place on either Apr. 9, 10 or 11. The incident is still being investigated.

Apr. 11 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm in the Hillcrest House went off when someone attempted to make waffles.

Apr. 12 - Found Property - In the first floor of Prosser Hall, a housekeeper found cocaine in the bathroom

while she was cleaning. Although three individuals were identified and referred to the Dean of Students, the incident is still being investigated by Campus Safety.

Apr. 12 - Drug Possession - In the Prosser Quad, seven first-year students and one student entering the College next fall were found smoking marijuana. Campus Safety came along just as one student was passing a marijuana pipe to another student. The individuals were referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 12 - Theft - A bright pink iPod was stolen from a student's backpack in the Life Sports Center, which was located in the locker room. The door to the locker room was closed. When the student returned from lacrosse practice, she realized that her iPod was miss-

ing from her Nike bag and immediately notified Campus Safety.

Apr. 12 - Injured Student - A Wescoe student injured his/her ankle in the Life Sports Center. His/her ankle was bleeding, but s/he refused to be transported to the hospital.

Apr. 13 - Underage Alcohol - During a building check, beer cans were found in their room in Walz Hall. Two individuals were referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 13 - Fire/Safety Violation - Campus Safety found a covered smoke detector and drug paraphernalia, specifically two pipes and two bowls, in plain view. These items were found in the bedroom located in a house at 2202 Gordon Street. The students residing in the house

were all referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 17 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - A trash bag in the Brown/Walz Hall Fire Lane was broken and garbage was laying around.

Apr. 18 - Sick Student - A sick student was found on the second floor of Martin Luther Hall, passed out, unresponsive and semi-conscious. She had pain in her upper abdominal area. After awhile, she started to hyperventilate. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and the Health Center was immediately.

Apr. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 318 Albright Street, a fire alarm went off due to steam coming from the shower located on the first floor of the house.

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"The answer to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a beer bottle, they're on TV."

- Homer Simpson

Life!

The Henry's hit home: *A night of honoring Muhlenberg's best*

By Rick Cohen
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Henry Awards, which took place on Apr. 8th, represented all that the College should be. A smorgasbord of talent and achievements were recognized and honored, and a good chunk of campus groups were featured.

Hosted by Will Schmidt '08 and Brian Byus '07, the Henry's started off with appetizers and socializing in a softly lit Seegers Union as light piano music, provided by Brian Kirchner '07, drifted through the room. An hour later, students filled the converted Garden Room and took their seats. The Garden Room had been transformed overnight into an elegant awards hall, complete with an extravagant stage, professional lighting and sound systems and a great red carpet. A cityscape motif was constructed throughout the ceremony space.

With a classy introduction by Scott Gordon '08, president of the Class of 2008, Schmidt and Byus led the night with their comedy, introducing presenters for over 20 awards given to various students, staff and organizations for accomplishments in their respective fields.

Awards categories ranged from the expected (Greek Organization of the Year, Visual or Performing Group of the Year, Male and Female Athletes of the Year) to the unexpected, such as Rookie of the

Year, which recognized a first-year student who "has truly made a place for him or herself on campus," or Unsung Hero, which is awarded to a student "who has demonstrated a consistent unselfish commitment and dedication toward achieving the goals of their organization without regard for public recognition or acknowledgment."

The favorite awards would have to be the People's Choice, where the entire Student Body had the opportunity to vote on their favorite support staff, management, faculty and student leader. This year, the People's Choice awards went to "Shuttle" Steve Goosley (support staff), Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students (management), Jeremy Teissere, Assistant Professor and Director of the Neuroscience Program (faculty) and Kim Nguyen '07 (student leader). Perhaps the most appreciated award this year was the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented to a most grateful Rudy



The Henry Awards Committee takes the stage, receiving well-deserved applause.

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Ehrenberg, former Dean of Students.

Nearly 500 students turned out for the Awards. All were dressed in their best and many remained for the benefit dance immediately following the ceremony. All proceeds from the dance went to Tara DeMarzo's family to help offset some of her medical costs, proving once again that the Caring College does more with their time than just put on fancy events to pat them-

selves on the back.

After weeks of planning and sleepless nights, the Henry Awards Committee magically transformed the pumpkin of Seegers into the carriage of the Henry Awards, and the new Great Hall in Seegers was turned upside down and inside out for a dessert buffet. The Committee could finally breathe a sigh of relief as the show turned out to be a great

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU'D SACRIFICE TO HELP MAMA EARTH?



"I will stop writing multiple drafts on my final papers."

-Zach Chiero '09



"I'll throw the television out the window."

-Ken Marino '08



"Turn the lights out when I don't need it to be bright."

-Ray Pierre '06



"I'd think of creative ways to conserve water...I would love to invest in solar energy...I'll get rich and put the money into saving the Earth!"

-Brigitte Choura '07



"Get rid of guns"

-Lina Bchara, Sodexo Employee

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Lucky Number Slevin:

a break from animated animal monotony

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

As far as cinematic entertainment goes there has been a lack in thrilling movies lately. Granted all the zoo animals in the city stories are thrilling, and you can't forget that the second *Ice Age* just came out, but really, how many animated animal movies can people watch? Thankfully, there seems to be a break in the horrid movie trend. *Lucky Number Slevin*, which opened just this past week, is an amazing cinematic break from the trend.

Lucky Number Slevin features well-known actors including Josh Hartnett as Slevin; Bruce Willis as the mysterious and deadly Mr. Goodkat; Lucy Liu as Lindsey, the quirky love interest of Slevin; and Morgan Freeman and Ben Kingsley as The Boss and The Rabbi (two battling Mob bosses). Though it may seem an interesting mix of actors, each played their part remarkably well.

With the famous names in this film it can sometimes be hard to separate the famous actor from the

character; however, it was easy to let go and see each of them in their part. Hartnett, who isn't known for many meaningful roles, gave the same quality performance as his well known co-stars.

The story line of this film leaves a little bit of mystery for the viewer to figure out. A case of mistaken identity lands Slevin into the middle of a 20 year old war between The Rabbi and The Boss. These two mobsters once worked together, but after The Rabbi ordered a hit on The Boss' family, they began a feud. Slevin finds himself working for both mobsters and manages to catch the attention of Detective Brikowski (Stanley Tucci) and the infamous assassin Mr. Goodkat.

Between trying not to get killed by Mr. Goodkat or the Mob families or not leaking information to the police, Slevin has to hatch a plan to get them before they get him. Every character in this film plays their role so well that you're sympathizing with them in one scene and despising them in the next. They tell enough about each character so that you feel for and understand each

person's story.

The movie runs for just under two hours and is rated R for language, violence and sexuality. Though it does have the strong rating, *Lucky Number Slevin* is worth every minute. The plot is fast moving and keeps you guessing for the first 20 minutes, but everything ties together in the end.

There are one or two twists to keep you on your toes. It seems to be directed in much the same way as *Boondocks Saints* or *The Usual Suspects*. So if you've enjoyed either of those movies in the past this is definitely something to check out.

Lucky Number Slevin was a perfect break to a long week and seemed to have something for everyone. There was a sweet but strange romance for the women and guys are bound to like it for the gorey deaths of just about every character in the film. With all of the romance, mystery, comedy and action, you could not stuff more into one film.

Lucky Number Slevin is the must-see movie this year. The only thing missing is that animated squirrel.

Bethlehem gets spicier with Tortilla Flat Restaurant

By Ashlen Froelke
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Main Street in Bethlehem, Pa. is full of restaurants. You can find pretty much any type of cuisine there, ranging from Indian to traditional American style. I recommend the Tortilla Flat Restaurant. This year it was voted the Best Mexican Restaurant in the Lehigh Valley. The atmosphere is very inviting and it's a small, quaint restaurant. On its walls are murals of Mexico and along the ceiling are lights. If you go on a Friday or Saturday, you can listen to live authentic Mexican music.

All the food is authentic and made to order. The unique thing about Tortilla Flat is that they serve a great breakfast, an unusual trait for Mexican restaurants, which usually serve lunch and dinner. Two popular breakfast items are the Huevos Rancheros and the Chillaquillas. The Huevos Rancheros are eggs-over-easy with the restaurant's own homemade salsa. The Chillaquillas are corn tortillas with eggs and the salsa of your choice (hot or mild).

Another great item is the Chorizo

with scrambled eggs. Chorizo is sausage with Spanish spices on it. All of these items are 7.00 dollars. Everything else on the breakfast menu, believe it or not, isn't over 2.25 dollars. These items are savory tacos stuffed with pretty much any breakfast item you would like, including eggs, potatoes, chorizo, cheese or bacon.

If you're going out for lunch or dinner, you can expect the usual Mexican cuisine, but better! For lunch and dinner, you can pretty much get the same type of food, except for at dinner they serve fajitas. For vegetarians, they have a very extensive menu. Enchiladas, Chalupas and burritos filled with beans, cheese and vegetables of all sorts will be sure to fill you up. All of the items on the menu are served with Spanish rice and fried black beans.

If you get fajitas, they come with guacamole, cheese, sour cream and tortillas. A good chicken dish is the Enchiladas Poblanos. This meal includes three chicken enchiladas topped with cheese, mole sauce (Mexican sauce of Chile Ancho,

chocolate, herbs and spices), lettuce, tomato and sour cream. The chocolate might throw you off but you don't really taste the sweetness of chocolate and it's very good. Dinner prices range from 10.95 dollars to 12.95 dollars and lunch items range from 5.75 dollars to 12.95 dollars.

If you have saved room for dessert (which you should definitely try to do), they have awesome choices. By far the best flan I've ever had is served at the Tortilla Flat. If you don't know what flan is (shame on you), it's custard (similar to creme brulee) with condensed milk. It's well worth trying. Another authentic dessert is the Tres Leche cake. This is condensed milk with chocolate and is great for those who have a sweet tooth. Desserts are very reasonably priced. All desserts are around 3.00 dollars.

If you are looking for a fun, quaint place to go, the Tortilla Flat is well worth the 15-minute drive. Venture out of Allentown, Pa., and head on over to hear live authentic Mexican music while you munch on some great homemade, inexpensive food.

Carmike Weekend Listings



The Benchwarmers

Fri. 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 7:50

Failure to Launch

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ice Age: The Meltdown

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 7:00

Inside Man

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Scary Movie 4

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:40

The Sentinel

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Silent Hill

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Wild

Fri. 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:10

Part II--Women's Underwear: What do your skivvies say about you?

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Here, as promised, is the thrilling conclusion to my two-part series on underwear, and this one is all about the ladies. It would be somewhat unfair to say that women's underwear is way more interesting than men's. It's just different. Here is a guide to the different styles, what they say about you and the do's and don'ts of ladies' undergarments.

The Basics: The equivalent of tighty-whities in girl world is "granny panties." Granny panties are popular with older women, women who are trying to hide a protruding belly or "pouch" and girls who don't get any action. These are large, white sheets of cloth, originally used as sails on 18th century fishing vessels. Not exactly the sexiest item of clothing to wear, but they do have their advantages.

They are very comfortable and high waisted panties hide unsightly belly fat. They are ideal for "that time of the month" and are usually inexpensive and can be easily replaced. But as Bridget Jones acknowledged, the wearing of Granny panties to hide belly fat substantially decreases the likelihood of hooking up, and these are not the

kind of undergarments you want to be sporting when you finally get the guy of your dreams in bed.

Plan accordingly. Save them for a cold evening alone or just don't let him come up. Don't wear them with tight pants, either. Panty lines are just one of those things that will never, and I mean never, be "in."

Bells and Whistles: When you walk into Victoria's Secret, or any ladies' lingerie store, there are plenty of choices: Lace, bows, velvet, silk, satin. These can be oh-so-super-cute and sexy when worn tastefully. Pearl thongs are not tasteful and are very uncomfortable. They are only for foreplay and not for daily running around.

Also, you don't want a pair with three or four separate strings to have to find your way through. Simple can be sexy; everything in moderation. Noise makers are a big no-no: bells, beads, whatever. You don't want to shift in class and have the kid behind you think you've got a small band in your pants. We are in college, not married with three kids. You do not need to buy unbelievably sexy underwear, corsets and garters, to try and spice things up with your partner.

If you have a boyfriend, he knows he's getting some anyway and he doesn't want to fuss with a bunch of strings and bows. If you are single, drunk guys' motor skills are not very good, and you and he will probably just pass out from exhaustion and confusion if he has to deal with anything more complicated.

Unmentionables: Holes in the crotch are unacceptable. If these are a favorite of yours, you might want to think a little harder about why you don't have a boyfriend (i.e., you have been riding the Ho-Train for far too long and it's time to get off).

Silence is Golden: If you want your underwear to have fun little sayings on it, fine, but keep it to one word. If you have a guy down there, you don't want him wasting his time reading because he'll probably forget what he's supposed to be doing. "Angel," "Sexy," "Cutie," fine. "Slut," "Tramp," or any sort of self-deprecating words, not fine.

Also, avoid that section of the lingerie department that is reserved for brides-to-be. Nothing turns a guy off more than a pair of undies with the word "bride" on the front. He'll be running out of there, carrying his

pants in one arm and his shirt in the other. Also, any underwear with a message similar to "hope you're hungry" is entirely inappropriate. That's just weird.

Lastly, if you are going to do the whole day of the week thing, make sure you are wearing the right pair on the right day. For those of you unfamiliar with this style, these are panties that come in sets of seven with the days of the week printed on them. The only downside to this, is that if it's Monday, you can only wear Monday. I don't care if Tuesday is clean and it's Friday. You don't want to get caught with your pants down in those bad-boys on the wrong day. That's definitely a deal-breaker.

The biggest tip would be to find out what fits you best! Most likely, it will not be a leather bustier. Just like with your clothes, underwear can be fitted to your personality and style.

Be comfortable, but don't be afraid to be sexy and sensual. A cute pair of undies under a hot outfit can boost confidence, even if you aren't going home with anyone.

You've got something sexy going on that no one can see, and your confidence will radiate outwards. Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Lusitania: *a 'Berg band that breaks the mold*

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

On Apr. 7, The Red Door was on fire with the music of Lusitania, one of the many bands at the College that can be seen performing around campus. Formed in Spring 2005, the band originally got together to assist Matt Rosazza '07, vocals and rhythm guitar, produce some songs he had composed. Since then, Ryan Stauffer '07, on drums; Robb Roscoe '07, on lead guitar; and Josh Starner '07, on bass guitar; have been bringing the campus a "music culture other than an acoustic guitar and a whiny singer," says Roscoe.

This band is known for their mixed genre tunes and are often grouped to play with Rock and Metal bands, although their type of music cannot be categorized as either. Their music can be classified as indie rock. "We are the awkward band," says Roscoe. But if you've seen them perform, they are anything but awkward. They own their space, moving and feeling the

rhythms, genuinely enjoying their experience as performers and musicians.

Rosazza is the main composer, coming up with the basic song idea and lyrics. However, Stauffer, Roscoe and Starner all create their own parts, each applying their musical knowledge to their instrumental area of expertise to create songs that are both memorable and crowd pleasing.

"Battle of Crimson Castle" could be called their signature song. It is a definite crowd-pleaser, eliciting the biggest reaction. Often they use the song to close gigs. "We take that song the most and least seriously. Everyone really pushes it to the extreme, using his full talent. It is one of our most challenging pieces to play," says Roscoe.

Lusitania has been seen here playing in The Red Door and at the Do It For Darfur Benefit Concert. Aside from on-campus performances, they have played at venues such



Lusitania jams out at the Manhattan Room.

horoscopes

By Jack & Spot

Aries

Go ahead and make all those big plans for the summer and, while you're at it, your life! Out of all the signs, this month is your month and you've got the drive and spirit to carry it through. You've worked hard to support those around you when they need you and now you'll get it all back. With the support of family and friends you're bound to get where you want to go and fast. So shoot for the moon!

Taurus

That situation with a friend that's been building this past week is going to finally explode! Watch out for flaring tempers and some angry words; make sure that you don't say too much in the heat of the moment. Keep your head down and wait for things to cool down before you talk with them again. It's most likely due to a misunderstanding but make sure you get the other person's story before you do anything.

Gemini

You've been focused on tiny details this week like putting finishing touches on small projects and schedules, but you're overanalyzing everything! Now is the time to take a step back and look at the big picture. You need to gain a broader perspective and to stop getting sucked into all the tiny, somewhat meaningless details and really improve your life. Once you have a better idea of where you are you'll know where you can go.

Cancer

What do you know... it's the end of the year, and what area of your life do the planets say is in trouble? Your work. The big projects are all due soon and the stars are only spelling trouble. Make sure you dot all your "I"s and cross all your "T"s. Also, watch out for others who try to steal your thunder. Get credit for all the hard work that you're putting in now and hopefully you can make it out with no major issues.

Leo

The fantasy you've been indulging in is about to come to an end. Things are slowly falling apart and as much as you've wanted this it's really time to face the music and move on to the next project or fantasy. The lessons you learn in this one will be something that you'll benefit from for years to come. As much as it hurts now, just suck it up and deal. Success will be yours in the end.

Virgo

Sooo...I hate to be the one to tell you this, but you're dead meat. Literally. Enjoy the weekend 'cause it's the last good one you're gonna have! That means tell all the people that mean something to you how much you love them, do those crazy things you were always to scared to do and take part in all those end of the world experiences that everyone always talks about.

Libra

Finally! It's your turn, Libra, so get ready to sit back and enjoy a weekend where everything will go your way. You're the king of the castle, queen of your domain, master of all this weekend. You're the one lucky sign that's going to have everything align, indicating that you'll have the most amazing weekend ever. You'll get all the hotties, do amazing on all of your work, look the best, feel the best and be the best. Enjoy!

Scorpio

An opportunity will arise that will be hard to pass up this weekend. There will be a lot of good and bad parts to it and it will really be up to you to see what comes of it. Depending on if you take the risk or not and what you do once you've made that choice depends how the whole rest of your weekend is going to go. So really think about this one and once you've decided go all out with that choice.

Sagittarius

It's hard to know who to trust right now. Everyone seems to be acting selfish and childish to you. You've been feeling like you're always the odd one out on things, but unfortunately the issue is not only theirs. It's yours, too. Put a little effort into understanding everyone else and you won't feel like the odd one. With a little work you're going to grow as a person and be able to communicate with others better.

Capricorn

You're able to deal with a lot of challenges and handle things well. Which is good, 'cause this weekend things are going to push even you to the limit. The key to this weekend is to keep on breathing and be patient. Don't even bother trying to explain what's going on to others because they're not going to get this or your reaction to it either. Just keep going and deal with it in your own way in your own time.

Aquarius

Loose ends are all over your life right now. You've got projects on top of projects on top of responsibilities on top of all that fun stuff you want to do. To get to the fun stuff underneath you're going to have to finally deal with everything on top. That means buckling down and getting all those loose ends that are no matter how bad it may get. Hopefully you'll end up with some free time.

Pisces

Money issues are going to plague you this weekend. There's soon much going on but it all costs money. It's not quite summer yet, but the heat is drying up. Try to save money for the things that really matter. Spend everything you can on the fun stuff later on. The key here is to be thrifty and as cheap as possible.

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as Brenda's and Jerry's in Bath, Pa. and the Manhattan Room in Philadelphia, Pa. They can be heard at the 19th Street Arts for Aids this Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Lusitania is a band that likes to have fun and put on a good show.

"We try hard for people to enjoy our music," says Roscoe. Their laid-back stage attitude, commentary to the crowd and unique musical stylings only help to draw in the good audience vibes and enlarge their ever-increasing fan base. Check out Lusitania at the Allentown, Pa. Arts for Aids festival on 19th Street.



Lusitania played live at the Do It For Darfur fundraiser concert.

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success. Celebrating accomplishments was fun for nearly a quarter of the Student Body.

For the nominees and awards

recipients, many of whom had family and friends in attendance, it was a night worth remembering. For the entire College, it was a chance to recognize the hard work of its students and faculty alike.



Students dance the night away at the Henry's campus-wide ball to raise money for Tara DeMarzo.

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BASEBALL

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good to get the hit, but, more importantly, it was a big win for the team. Everyone contributes on this team and it leads to wins. Hopefully we can keep up this pace all year."

On Sat., Apr. 9, the Mules did something they hadn't done since the 2003 season--sweep a double-header. They beat the Washington Shoreman by scores of 13-9 and 15-5.

Oris went 6-9 on the day with three triples and eight RBIs. One of his hits was the 100th of his career at the College. Oris also leads the nation with a .878 slugging percentage. He is ranked sixth in batting average (.500) and Runs Batted In (RBIs) per game (1.59).

Sophomore Paul Faith started the first game and recorded the second win of his career. Freshman Joe Barrese started the second game and recorded his third win of the season. Tobia had four RBIs while freshman outfielders Eric Hammond and John Kalis added three runs each.

Freshman pitcher Mike Misciagna, who has been the Mules' number one relief pitcher, came in and notched his first career save in the first game, recording his last out with a called third strike. Misciagna also has three wins.

When asked about his 100th hit and the success he has been having this season, Oris said, "I have been seeing the ball well and have been fortunate enough to be hitting in a great lineup that always has people on base."

In what may have been the biggest win of the season, the Mules beat Haverford again on Mon., Apr. 10 in dramatic fashion, scoring four runs in the top of the ninth inning to come back and win 8-7.

The Mules received another outstanding outing from junior starting pitcher Tom McDonald. However, the College trailed 7-4 with one out in the ninth inning when Sassaman--who had started a three-run rally in the fifth with his 100th

career hit--singled to center. Sassaman, who has been at the beginning and end of many rallies for the Mules this season, said, "It is a great feeling to get the 100th hit, but it was so much more rewarding to do it in a game like we just played."

Tobia was then hit by a pitch and he and Sassaman moved up to second base and third base on a wild pitch. Freshman John Kalis doubled down the right-field line to drive in Sassaman and Tobia, and Senior co-Captain James Petersen tied the game with a sacrifice fly to right.

Kalis scored the winning run when junior shortstop Matthew Block singled through the right side.

Junior Jason Bonder, who started the first game, notched the first save of his career by getting Haverford's number three and four hitters to pop up to end the game.

The College had its four-game winning streak snapped with an 8-6 loss to Ursinus. The Mules were up 4-1 after they batted in the fourth inning, but the Bears scored two runs in the fourth inning and four runs in the sixth inning to take a 7-4 lead.

Sophomore Joseph Carlo hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to trim the margin to 7-6, but that was the last College hit. Junior A.J. Bettini also had a two-run single for the Mules.

In their second game of the week, the College trailed 3-0 after Ursinus' first two trips to the plate and faced a 5-3 deficit when they came to bat in the bottom of the seventh inning.

After the first two batters made outs, a hit and walk put the tying runs on base. Tobia singled to center field to bring in one run and Kalis tied up



Junior Pete Oris hits one to the outfield to try and spur on his team.

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the game by hitting a single to right field. In the top of the eighth inning, Ursinus had two outs and nobody on base before plating the winning run on two singles, a walk and a wild pitch.

The Mules went on to split their final two games of the week against Gettysburg. The Mules lost the first game 6-5 and won the second by a score of 17-15.

McDonald was deprived of getting his fourth win of the season when the Bullets scored four runs in the eighth inning and seven in the ninth inning to tie the game at 15 runs. Sophomore catcher Dan Asip led off the tenth inning with a triple and scored on Block's sacrifice fly. It was Block's third RBI of the game.

Following Block's fly, three freshman, outfielder Eric Hammond, first-baseman Eddie Risener and second-baseman Jason Ruttino, strung together two hits and a walk to provide the Mules with an insurance run.

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Mules run forward to ECACs

By Jess Morreale
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Apr. 8, the Mules competed in the Sam Howell Invitational at Princeton University. In this meet, five women qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship (ECACs). Senior Karen Mount ran a 4:41.68 in the 1500 meters. Sophomore Sara Gearin ran a time of 18:58.26 in the 5000 meters. Junior Rachel Drosdick leapt to a distance of 16 feet, six inches in the long jump and Junior Jacquelyn Inverso captured a distance of 35 feet, seven and three-quarter inches in the triple jump.

The men had one individual ECAC qualifier and one qualifying team. Junior Steve Rothwell qualified in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:04.64. The men's 4x400 meter relay team of Sophomore Dan Steinhart, Senior Kyle Douglass, Rothwell and Junior Lex Mercado qualified with a time of 3:26.22.

The Mules had an outstanding performance overall this past weekend at the Bucknell Outdoor Classic held at Bucknell University on Apr. 14 and 15. The women had four individual NCAA qualifiers and two NCAA qualifying teams. Mount again qualified for the NAAs, this time in the 800 meter race. Her time of 2:15.57 was a College record

and it surpassed the NCAA qualifying standard of 2:15.80. Mount also qualified in the 1500-meter for the second week in a row, setting a College record with a time of 4:35.18. Her time of 60.02 qualified her in the 400 meter race as well.

Gearin qualified for the second week in a row in the 5000-meter with a time of 18:41.8. In the 400 meter hurdles, Senior Danielle Seiler qualified with a time of 1:07.43.

The team of Freshman Amanda Martini, Sophomore Emily Karel, Junior Lauren Caballo and Inverso qualified in the 100 meter relay race with a time of 51.28.

In the field, Inverso qualified in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 10 inches. Sophomore Erika Koop qualified in the high jump with a leap of five feet, one inch. Junior Sarah Mitchell qualified in the javelin throw with a distance of 120 feet, two inches.

For the men, Mercado qualified for the ECACs in the three races. He ran a 49.96 in the 400-meter, a 1:54.44 in the 800-meter, and a 3:38.14 in the 1500-meter. Junior Matthew Salles qualified with a throw of 46 feet, 112 inches.

The Mules' next meet is the East Stroudsburg Invitational at East Stroudsburg University.

Mules hit a swing and a miss

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite shooting 416, their best score at the Muhlenberg Invitational, the Mule women finished fifth out of the six teams competing. Lehigh University captured the championship by one stroke, and Kutztown University placed second.

The Mules' top finisher, Junior Kristen Amore, finished third out of Division III golfers. Sophomore Dana Lynn Bielecki was the next Mule in line, shooting a

The tournament included three Division I schools, four from Division III and one community college.

Last Thursday, the Mules participated in Widener College's Tom Ruggieri Invitational. Carpenter took the lead for the second tournament in a row, shooting an 80.

Freshman Bill Snow was the next Mule in line with an 87 while Senior Chris Walach finished two strokes behind him.

GOLF

Overall, the Mules finished tenth out of 13 teams. Villanova University and Widener College took first and second in the tournament.

The men's golf team traveled to Scarsdale, NY on Apr. 11 to participate in the New York University Spring Invitational. Despite a team finish of seventh in a pool of eight teams, Sophomore Garrett Carpenter tied for second place with a 74. This was only three over par.

The men's next tournament is the Kuhn Invitational at Allegheny College this Sun., Apr. 23 and Monday Apr. 24. Both tee-off times are 1:00 p.m. This is the last tournament of the regular season. The following weekend is the C.C. Championships.

Four big wins place Mules third in Centennial Conference

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules won two consecutive doubleheaders last week, defeating Swarthmore College on Tues., Apr. 11 and Washington College on Fri., Apr. 14, making their record 4-0 for that week.

Freshman catcher RiRi Ferrigno was named **SOFTBALL** Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Ferrigno leads the Centennial Conference with 11 doubles, just two away from the College's record of 13 doubles. She also leads the College in batting average (.302), hits (26) and Runs Batted In (RBI) (18).

Ferrigno is the second Mule in as many weeks to be named Player of the Week. She helped lead the Mules to a 4-0 week with her

offense and defense.

During the four games she hit .500 with three runs scored, four RBIs and five doubles.

This tied the College record of three doubles in a game against Swarthmore.

As catcher, she caught three consecutive shutouts, threw out the only runner

who attempted to steal a base and picked another runner off first base.

These four wins extended the Mules' winning streak to six and brought their average back to the .500 mark at 14-14. With a 7-3 record, the Mules are currently ranked in third place in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules' next game is home on Sat., Apr. 22 at 1:00 p.m. at home versus McDaniel College.



Freshman catcher RiRi Ferrigno, who was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week, prepares to catch the fast-flying ball.

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History made on the field



Freshman Nick Fletcher assists on a goal as he led the Mules to a win.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

By Shannon Donohue
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Sun., Apr. 9, the men's lacrosse team made program history by defeating the Franklin and Marshall College Diplomats, 14-6. The Mules, who have lost to the Diplomats each year they had met, came out strong in the first quarter, taking a 5-0 lead and never letting up.

Sophomore Kyle Farris started up the Mules' attack with his first of two goals just minutes into the game. Senior Galen Marsh followed with his first of four goals soon after. "It was really great to come out and get that big of a lead," said Marsh. "I just knew that we couldn't let down at all."

The Mules didn't let down, and by halftime they were seven goals ahead. Offensively, the Mules controlled the ball for the majority of the game and were led by Marsh; Senior James Robinson, who had three goals, and Sophomore Mickey Norton, who had two goals and two assists.

"We've been in position before to win, but today everyone was on the same page and we were firing on all cylinders," said Senior Mike Tentindo.

Robinson's third goal was the 66th of his career. His next goal will secure his

place as the second leading goal scorer in College history. Norton, who led the team in assists as a freshman, is currently ranked second on the team in points. He and Farris are both Centennial Conference leaders in points per game.

The Mules' defense kept the Diplomats at the two goal mark throughout the third quarter and allowed only four goals in the fourth quarter.

"The offense played so well today that we were barely ever on defense," said Sophomore Patrick Lewis. "[Sophomore Carlo] Moringello played well on the crease and did a great job of directing the defense on the field."

Juniors Steve Toto and Kyle Hart both played tough defense and were responsible for crucial ground balls for the Mules. Though the defense wasn't really tested because of the strong offensive efforts, the time spent in their end was extremely effective.

"After the game, [Junior] Cliff Burwell led us in a locker room dance-off," said Marsh of how the Mules celebrated after the win. "He's the piper of our team's rhythm. We were so happy to have this win under our belts."

The Mules next match-up is versus Swarthmore College on Wed., Apr. 19.

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on Reynolds for the fifth time in the past two seasons. The first four matches were split between the two. Both players went on to capture All-America honors last year.

This match proved just as tough as the statistics make it sound. Schmidt took the back-and-forth first set 5-4, but Reynolds began the second up 3-1.

Schmidt battled back to win the final five games 6-4 and won the next set 6-3 to take the victory. Reynolds' only other loss is to the top player in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Schmidt is now undefeated with a 9-0 record.

The Mules' men's tennis team completed a 2-0 weekend with a close match at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N.J. It ended in a 4-3 Mules win. All three doubles matches and five of the six singles contests were close, making for a lengthy afternoon in Mahwah.

Senior Adam Nodiff won in three sets at number one singles and teamed with Freshman Brian Wernick for an 8-6 victory at first doubles.

The doubles matches came down to the number three player, where Freshmen Andrew Brick and Timothy Ness won in a tiebreaker.

In the final match on the courts, Junior Michael DiVita won his third set, 6-3, to give the College, which is three and three in the Conference, the win. DiVita forced a third set by winning a second-set tiebreaker. The Mules' next match is Sat., Apr. 22, at home at 3:30 pm versus Gettysburg College.

Double wins create big gain

By Lauren Wygonski
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Coming back from two team losses at the beginning of April, the women's lacrosse team has proven strong this season with a win over Bryn Mawr College on Tues., Apr. 11, and another over Haverford College this past Sat. Apr. 15.

After only three losses in the season, the Mules had a rough season but the past two games tied the Mules with the College record of an 8-3 season.

The first game this past week was against Bryn Mawr and the Mules dominated early. The Mules established a lead early in the game and led 5-0 before Bryn Mawr scored their first goal. The scoring did not stop for the Mules all game and the defense remained strong: The Bryn Mawr Owls were not able to score until the late second half, ending the game at 13-3.

The dominated win not only revived the team's past losses but acted as a highlight for Senior co-Captain Shannon Donohue. Donohue scored her 100th collegiate goal and entered the elite ranks which includes only eleven other Mules who held that record.

The next game against Haverford furthered the Mules season of wins, placing them at their 8-3 record. Two weekends ago, the conditions were brutal with freezing rain and a severe tem-

perature drop that effected everyone's play.

The Mules struggled through the spring weather fluke and scored on fifteen of the thirty-four shots they took. Another strong offensive game boosted the Mules to a 15-8 win against Haverford.

Junior Kelli Sakonchick said, "Our last few games with Haverford have been close, but we came out mentally prepared and overcame the weather and played strong from the start. We couldn't feel our bodies, and our fingers were completely numb in the cold."

The week before Easter Break, the Mules faced Ursinus College and then Swarthmore College.

Close scores in both games led to a double defeat of the Mules. Ursinus won 11-10 and Swarthmore won 8-6. Despite the losses, Senior co-Captain Courtney Tapkas reached a milestone as she scored her 200th collegiate goal.

With Donohue's 100th goal and Tapkas's 200th goal, the tough offense promises a strong finish to this season.

"Our team is very close and this pulls us through tough times. That is why we were able to come out strong over this Easter weekend and take home two big wins, this shows our devotion to making this season the best we can," said Senior Steph Light.

The Mules' next game is at home against McDaniel on Sat., Apr. 22, at 3:30 p.m.

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Bats hit it out for Mules' success



Freshman John Kalis, who leads the team with eight doubles, gets ready to score.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules went 5-3 in Centennial Conference (CC) games over the past two weeks to move into a tie for third place in the standings.

The Mules won their first four games, sweeping both the Haverford College Fords and the Washington College Shoremen. They

then lost their next two games to the Ursinus College Bears before splitting their final two games against the Gettysburg College Bullets. Junior third-baseman Pete Oris and junior second-baseman Ryan Sassaman got their 100th career hit.

In the first game against Haverford, the Mules kept pace with the Fords even though the Fords threw their ace pitcher, who

had a 0.93 Earned Run Average (ERA) at the start of the game.

The Fords took an early lead, but the Mules battled back to tie up the game at ten in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The game went into extra innings and the Mules found themselves down by a run in the bottom of the eleventh inning when Sassaman led off the inning with a bunt single.

He then stole second base and came in to score on Senior co-Captain Matt Tobia's base hit up the middle. Oris then drilled a 2-2 curve ball over the left field fence for his team-leading fifth homerun of the year, his first in walk-off fashion. The final score was 13-11.

The Mules also beat Haverford last year in extra innings when Tobia hit a walk-off homerun. After the game Oris said, "It felt

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Tennis volleys to multiple wins

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's tennis team defeated Dickinson College on Apr. 6. With this victory, the Mules took sole possession of first place in the Centennial Conference (CC). Senior Amy Schmidt extended her consecutive regular-season singles match wins and consecutive CC matches to 32 for both singles and doubles. All six of the College's points came from the top four players in the lineups.

On Apr. 8, the Mules extended their winning streak to five matches when they defeated Gettysburg College 7-2. Number two doubles team Junior Pam Kimmelman and Freshman Jenn Powell won their match with a decisive 8-0 score.

"We really came together well as a team. We never had a let down the entire match. We just didn't give them a chance to get back in the match. On Saturday we have a Conference game versus Washington. We are ready for this match because we have been practicing very intensely," said Kimmelman.

Both Kimmelman and Powell won their singles matches. Schmidt broke her doubles winning streak, but came back to win 6-0, 6-1 at number one singles. The lone game that she lost was only her seventh loss in her five Conference matches this year.

Apr. 11 was a date that the Mules were waiting for--they took on the nationally-ranked Swarthmore College Garnets for a rematch of last year's CC Championship. The College went into the match with a 33-game home court winning streak. Though Schmidt defeated her rival Sonya Reynolds, the Garnets swept the doubles bracket to take the match 7-2. This match extended Swarthmore's CC winning streak to 23 while snapping both the Mules' 14-match CC winning streak and their home court streak. However, the Mules remain in the hunt for the CC Championship, since, for the first time in Conference history, the title will be determined by a four-team playoff.

Schmidt, the defending CC Player of the Year, took on defending CC singles champi-

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Senior Captain Amy Schmidt volleys the ball until she secures a win.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

Students participate in annual Relay For Life

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This coming Sunday, Apr. 30, the College will host its second annual Relay for Life at the Scotty Wood Stadium from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The day is packed with events headed by the Relay's co-chairs, Allison Schnall '08 and Alex Corgan '08.

Relay for Life is an annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society that takes place at thousands of locations all over the country. In Allentown, Pa., alone, three different spots will run Relay for Life this spring season. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, sports fields or parks and take turns walking or running

laps. Each team must keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

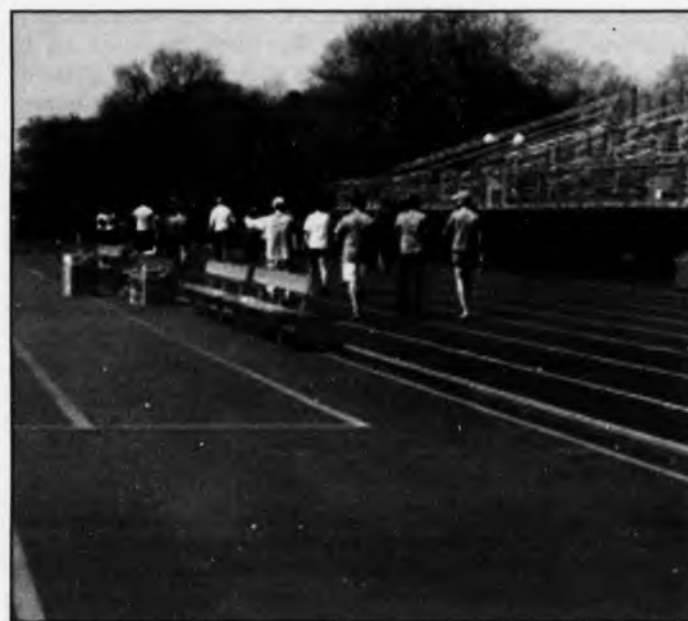
There are no winners. Active participation, enthusiasm and philanthropy are

The idea is to get people to stop what they are doing for one whole day and come together to support those living with cancer, honor those who have died and celebrate those who have survived.

the names of the game. The idea is to get people to stop what they are doing for one

whole day and get them to come together to support those living with cancer, honor those who have died and celebrate those who have survived.

This year the College organized 300 students into 46 registered teams, many of them which represent sports teams, campus clubs, dorm floors and groups of friends. For example, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity's team will walk alongside the Muhlenberg Theatre Association's team, who will walk alongside the self-dubbed "Disney Princesses" team. The day is about coming together as a community for a



Last year, participants spent 12 hours walking around the track.

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The College honors Earth Week with a week of events

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In an effort to raise further awareness about the environment and the earth, the College participated in Earth Week festivities last week. From Monday to Saturday, there were different activities and events taking place every day.

According to a press release, "Earth Week recognizes, explores, honors and celebrates the countless treasures of our planet by getting people involved in activities to promote our wonderful environment. The students, faculty, and staff of EnAct have planned sev-

eral events during Earth Week to encourage a more green-friendly Muhlenberg." Each day brought something; Keep Your Campus Clean Day, Agriculture Day, Energy Day, Recycling Day and, finally, Earth Day, all took place at the College.

For around eight to ten years Earth Week has occurred at the College. "It is the focus of our club for the spring semester. As the environmental club on campus, it is our responsibility to do. So this year's event was bigger than last year, and we are always aiming to improve and add on to the event," said Jacy Gold '08.

College students are

known to be complacent about matters outside of the classroom. Living in a bubble at Muhlenberg, it is easy to not take notice of events going on in the world. The goals for the week were to "raise awareness on campus and teach people about different things going on in the world," Gold said.

The 15 club members had been brainstorming about the event since February. Initially, there were many different ideas about what should take place during this week. Logistics such as planning the food for the Garden Room event, as well as the logistics of planning the setup along Academic

Row were challenging.

One week past the event, the consensus is that everything was successful. Throughout the year the club has had a large visual impact around campus.

"One of the biggest goals of the Earth Week was to have an in-your-face presence. On campus we wanted to make sure that everyone knew what we were doing. Every day at Seegers Union there was a table set up featuring magnets, stickers, etc.," said Adrian Shanker '09.

"This past year as a whole the club and campus have been very successful. Plastic recycling has increased five

times over last year, and paper recycling has doubled since last year. People have said that they learned something new, or that they saw something which they did not know before," Gold said. "Last week the club was awarded a Presidential Award at the honors convocation."

The ad campaigns by the club have been successful in educating people about recycling. There are many things which one can do to further help out the cause. "People need to improve their general awareness. As

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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A final thank you before we say good-bye

As we write this, our final editorial on our final production night, our hearts are a mix of emotions. We are excited about our approaching graduation and the future, jubilant that our year as an Executive Board has proven successful and, above everything else, sad that our time on *The Weekly* has come to an end. We look around the cramped office, hidden in the Martin Luther Underground, and realize that our time spent within these blue walls rivals our time spent in any classroom and the lessons we learned here far exceed anything we were ever taught by a professor.

We experienced triumph when our newspaper was praised at the College Media Convention in New York, NY; we experienced frustration and sadness when a mistake we made was thought to be an act of prejudice. Nevertheless, as the year draws to a close, we are grateful for every incident, good or bad, because it has made us stronger people in the end. We have *The Weekly* to thank for building our character, fortifying our work ethic and allowing us to meet some of the most wonderful people on this campus--our editors.

In the end, it is our dedicated staff of eighteen that we must thank. If not for their constant efforts, their late nights working, their laughs and jokes, it would have been impossible to create this sixteen-page paper each and every week. It is their blood, sweat and tears that forms the foundation of *The Weekly*, their long hours that makes us strive for perfection, their compliments and smiles that we are most eager to hear and see.

In a moment of discouragement, someone on staff rallied the troops by saying, "If it wasn't hard, anyone would do it." While he spoke of a specific incident, the words ring true for the entire experience. The members of *The Weekly* know about sacrificing time, sleep and, yes, sometimes even test grades, in order to support their peers. At these times, it would be easy for some to walk out of the office and never look back, but the relationships we have made and the experiences we have shared make it impossible to leave.

As we ourselves leave this office for the final time, we know that we will always remember the people we met down in the Martin Luther Underground. Even though we will walk away from the College in just three short weeks, a part of us will always remain at *The Weekly*.

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I read a recent article by Joe Caporoso entitled "Not all athletes are 'Devilish'" in the Apr. 20, 2006 issue of *The Weekly*. I wish the article's headline had been "Not all of Duke's athletes or Student Body are 'Devilish'". An even better headline might have been "No one is guilty, i.e., 'devilish', until proven guilty."

Caporoso laments the disgrace that is happening now at Duke University. I agree. As a Duke alumnus, now a full-time student at the Wescoe School at Muhlenberg, I see that the situation is a disgrace. Sadly, the rush to judgment, wide brush strokes applying guilt broadly, coupled with his laughing description of "the Aryan race," leaves the reader of Caporoso's article with an unfair characterization of the Duke student and compounds the injustice. He labels the University as an elite institution, made up mostly of upper-class students. Because my dad was a machinist

Duke article also a disgrace

at Bethlehem Steel and my mother a housewife while I attended Duke and because I know there were and suspect that there are many others at Duke like myself, I would ask to see statistics sup-

porting this claim of privilege, including comparison to local college statistics as well. Similarly, I would like to see comparative statistics on any school of choice in comparison to Duke in the area of the college athlete and academics. I believe the facts will show that Duke puts academics well before sports and I personally can recall the surprise when Gene Banks, a student-athlete at Duke in the late 1970s, was suspended from team play due to poor grades when, at the same time, his photo appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

Actual crime statistics can be obtained for any of the local colleges or universities. Caporoso seems to assert that Duke's statistics are significantly different from them, or from other large universities.

That any assault may have occurred is troubling. That guilt is applied outside of the court of law within nationwide media is appalling. I would remind the author that no city or college campus owns a license on virtue. I would suggest reviewing college-wide postings on Facebook to get a clear picture of how much Duke differs from Muhlenberg or any other college or university. The campus security report in this publication can be eye-opening as well. It is likely that many university officials nationwide are thinking "there, but for the grace of God, go I".

Charges can be brought about by anyone who feels they have been wronged. Duke's new president has worked swiftly since the incident occurred to thoroughly investigate. He suspended the lacrosse playing season and accepted the coach's resignation. He has personally communicated via email to university alumni the ongoing status of the investigation.

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Take a senior walk down memory lane

Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Waking up at
4:00 a.m. to
garbage trucks

outside your window. Venturing around the Robertson Hall or ML Hall and East Hall parking lots for ten minutes, determined to find a spot. Sitting in line outside the Registrar's Office at 6:00 a.m. when your time to register is 8:00 a.m. Opening second-notice ticket notifications sent two years after they happened that were already paid. The College may have its issues, but I, as most seniors, did stay here for four years. I don't even have to ask why.

Despite the parking tickets, registration problems and issues with administrative figures, we will leave this place in less than a month having obtained a respected degree. Admitting less than half of its applicants (43 percent), the College is one of only 150 that the Carnegie Commission of Higher Education termed "highly selective." So seniors, believe it or not, the diploma that we'll receive in front of a thousand-plus audience is not just an opportunity to fall on our faces. Though I admit that the chance of my face meeting the Commencement stage may be slightly greater than most of the class, leaving the stage

with the symbolic piece of paper and after congratulatory handshakes will trump the humility (maybe a year or two later, anyway).

Our graduation extends past an academic education. We know where to go every Wednesday and Saturday night, who will be there and at what time. We know what will be in Campus Safety Notes before they are published, who they're talking about and what really happened. We should know not to have social events in Benfer Hall, but we do it and go there anyway. We remember what the Tau Kappa Epsilon house looked like

from the inside. We might be the last class to remember when Woody's was actually called Woody's, though we weren't here when it was. We remember why there might be a "caution" sign on Sigma Phi Epsilon's stairs to the dance floor. Frankly, we will graduate with information that any incoming freshmen would love to know.

Is a diploma, academic or social, really the reason we stayed? The academic may get us jobs or help us earn graduate school admission while the social may let us loose, but we all could have

done this anywhere else, and maybe even better. We didn't. Most would agree that those people along the way allowed us to survive in this one-block radius. Whether those people were upper-classmen when we were underclassmen, underclassmen when we were upperclassmen, faculty or our own peers, that's why we stayed--why I stayed. The laughs and tears, the smiles and the beers. Oops, I mean fears. It's the people who stayed with us since freshman year, those in organizations who became more than just acquaintances and those teammates you see as much in the off-season as you do during it. We may complain about the 'Berg Bubble now, but I'm not used to walking into a bar and knowing only a handful of people.

A friend once told me that she only saw living on campus as an opportunity for colleges and universities to suck more money out of you. I respect her opinion, but I disagree completely. The reason lies on her Commencement Day, when almost no one is at hers, while I know nearly everyone will be at ours. So enjoy the last 24 days, seniors, and see you tomorrow night.

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To the Editor:

As seniors in the Community Service Office, we have helped plan a wide variety of volunteer events on this campus. Recently we have worked on one of the most rewarding and successful events this campus has offered.

The Tara DeMarzo fundraiser brought together a wide variety of groups on campus and really showed how the Muhlenberg community can pull together to help a student and family in need. At the present time, with more fundraising efforts yet to come, we have raised over 6,000 dollars for DeMarzo and her family. We hope to present the family with this outstanding amount of money during graduation weekend.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Muhlenberg community for their support; for those who sat at our tables, for those who participated in those events, for those who donated (even your pocket change helped!).

This amazing fundraising project would not have been possible without all of your support, and specifically without the endless energy and commitment of Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service; Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service; Megan Eddinger, Head Coach of Field Hockey; Ruth Gibbs, Head Coach of Softball; Katie Thomas '06, Lindsey Ruhling '06 and Julie High '06. We would also like to thank Greg Russoli and the staff of The Liberty Street Tavern for allowing us to have a senior benefit at their facility for DeMarzo and for donating 500 dollars to our cause.

Once again, your generous donations and support of DeMarzo and her family embodies what Muhlenberg College is all about: we truly are a caring community whose efforts are appreciated and noticed by those around us.

At the present time, with more fundraising efforts yet to come, we have raised over 6,000 dollars for Tara and her family.

--Rachel Schein '06 and
Lauren Teixeira '06

College Community Outreach Coordinators

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Because not all facts have been gathered nor fully aired in court, it is unwise and unfair to continue convicting these students in the press and applying that conviction campus-wide.

Let the justice system work, but, as the identity of the reported victim is protected, do not destroy these students who, according to law, are innocent until proven guilty. Sadly, because of the nationwide news coverage and identification of those charged, their reputations may be beyond saving.

Similarly, the entire team and the entire student body need not bear the media-applied guilt in this matter, fueled by an individual who may have elected office in an upcoming election as his primary motivation.

In the end, if the justice system determines guilt, punishment of the guilty may be applied. It is appropriate to wait for that judgment; until then, please, with consideration, fully criticize any aspect of this investigation you feel is incomplete or unfair.

--R. Rupnik

To the Editor:

We, members of the Working Group on Online Registration, were surprised to read the Apr. 20, 2006 editorial: "Online Registration: Where are you now?"

According to that editorial, the College had been promised a pilot registration this semester (Spring 2006) and online registration as early as Fall 2007. The editorial reflects inaccurately the date of the pilot program.

Group answers Online Registration questions

The working group received its charge from President Randy Helm in Nov. 2005 after his meeting with Student Council. That charge asked for a proposal for an online registration system that would be convenient while not sacrificing key components of the Muhlenberg culture.

In fact, all constituents--students, faculty and staff--agree that the relationship between the student and his or her faculty advisor is an essential part of the

Muhlenberg culture to be preserved.

The working group held its first meeting in Dec. 2005. As *The Weekly* article of Feb. 9 accurately indicates, quoting Debbie Tamte-Horan, the Registrar, that the first year would be "devoted to investigation." No mention or promise of a Spring 2006 pilot was made at that time or since. It was also indicated that "at the absolute earliest, online registration might be available for the Student Body by Fall 2007." Nothing has changed that timeline.

We are all anxious to migrate to online registration. We do need to keep lines of communication open about the content of the discussions and the progress of the project.

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Remembering a long, ugly history



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The other day, yet another tape recorded by Osama bin Laden was released. Regardless of what nonsense he rambled on about from his fortified cave somewhere near Pakistan, the fact that he is still out there, attempting to rally attacks against the West, must irk our government. In the years that have passed since Sept. 11 there has been an examination of how a single guy came to wield so much power in the Middle East. Sadly, bin Laden's history is invariably linked to our own country's history, in another ugly Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operation turned horribly wrong.

We've all heard the stories about MK-ULTRA, the code name for the CIA's operation

of testing LSD on unknowing people to experiment with mind control. The Bay of Pigs was another attempted covert operation that turned into a disaster. Actions taken by the CIA during the Cold War era, in a frantic attempt to stamp out any flame of communism, have come back to haunt us. A textbook example of this is the case of bin Laden.

Rewind back to 1979: right in the middle of the Cold War and communist hysteria inside our country, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. Worried about any nation falling under the Soviet sphere of Communist influence, we began funding anti-Communist rebels in Afghanistan (the Mujahideen). We gave them money, tactical advice and weaponry, increasing the military advice, expertise and information to the Afghans as the years went on. The US praised the Mujahideen as "freedom fighters" and openly recruited other Islamic militants from around the Middle East to join the fight. Our government and our CIA chose Islamic fundamentalism

over communism, which has now led us to invade Afghanistan over twenty years later.

Where does bin Laden fit into all of this? Well, as I stated before, that the CIA was openly recruiting Muslim extremists from around the world to continue battling against the Soviets. A key non-Afghan person anxious to join the ranks of the Mujahideen was a wealthy businessman from Saudi Arabia named Osama bin Laden. He immersed himself in the war, actively recruiting Muslims to fight and developing close ties with the CIA. Bin Laden eventually formed his own organization for the war. This organization was directly funded weapons and money by our CIA, our government.

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Long story short, the Afghan and Cold wars eventually came to an end. Bin Laden and his constituents spread back out to their respective countries but had formed a network that remained intact. They had similar ideals of a puritanical form of Islam and had been trained by our CIA on how to take military action. Bin Laden eventually found himself frustrated by American troop occupation in his home country of Saudi Arabia and by America's continued support of Israel. He left Saudi Arabia disgusted with the government, moved to the Sudan and began what we know as Al-Qaeda. Bin Laden still uses many of the things he learned in the deserts of Afghanistan which were taught to him by the American CIA.

The CIA operation in Afghanistan ended up going terribly wrong. We made the short-sighted decision, just as we have in Iraq. Yes, we hurt the Soviets and they eventually left Afghanistan, but that didn't really end up mattering in the long run. Instead, what ended up happening was that Afghanistan turned into a mess after the Soviets left. In that mess, the Taliban rose up and took power. They gave protection and support to a terrorist and his organization. That terrorist, of course, was bin Laden, who had been carrying out terrorist acts years before the attacks of Sept. 11. Bin Laden, Afghanistan and the Taliban are all products of a careless, short-sighted CIA plan of action. It is a plan of action for which we are still paying consequences today.

Students at the College lack the prank spirit

Rick Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

You see it on the news. You hear your friends at other schools talk about it. It seems to be happening everywhere but Muhlenberg. Pranks. College pranks. Whether it be turning the Haas College Center clock into a Mickey Mouse clock by putting white gloves on the hands and drawing the body on cardboard, or simply sticking thousands of plastic forks in the front lawn, it doesn't happen here. I never hear about people putting on stage make-up to make themselves look like they died and then repelling off of Prosser Hall's roof and hanging upside-down in a friend's window, looking like death. Nobody dismantles the bathroom stalls and reassembles them in front of their Resident Advisor's doors, so when the RA wakes up, he walks into a stall. And when was the last time a car was put on blocks? Or better yet, when did somebody reassemble your least favorite professor's VW Beetle in his office?

The best prank in recent memory that I am aware of is the mysterious case of the missing Mule head. After Mr. Muhlenberg 2005, when Marc Gollob '05 used the Mule costume in his show, the head went missing. It was a week before it was found atop General Pete's head.

About a decade ago, two students coordinated with the tour guides to "hijack" tours and give tour groups their own perspectives. A kid I know had all his possessions and furniture stolen by his friends, only to be replaced with a hearty laugh a few hours later. Last year a group of Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) executives broke into the office of Bev McEwan, Director of Student Activities, and covered every object and piece of

furniture in tin foil. But current research shows declining prank trends over the last few years. It might have been lame, but at least I stole my friend's bed for half a day freshman year.

But I'm cooking up something a little bigger these days. So to inspire others, I have compiled a few of my favorite (and safe) pranks:

1) Three CalTech seniors found a loophole in a McDonald's sweepstakes: no limit to the number of entries. A million (literally) entries later, (after having 26 friends help stuff them into 98 different entry boxes) they walked away with 1500 dollars in gift certificates, 3000 dollars cash and a Datsun. When asked what they were going to do with the prizes, they simply replied, "Parties. Lots of Parties."

2) In 1978, the Pail and Shovel party at the University of Wisconsin-Madison assumed power over the student government. This was thanks to Jim Mallon and Leon Varjian, the party leaders, who promised in their campaign to dump the student funds onto the ground, allowing any student to scoop up what they could with a pail and shovel, and to buy the Statue of Liberty and bringing it to campus. So in Feb. 1979, Lady Liberty appeared to be sunken in the frozen Lake Mendota, circa *Planet of the Apes*. Mallon and Jarjian ended up spending 4,500 dollars of student funds to build it. Appalled at the misuse of their money, students assembled and protested the reckless spending. Varjian calculated that the cost of this symbol of freedom broke down to about a dime a person and promised to refund any student their money. Sixty students asked for their money back.

3) Bonsaikitten.com. The site speaks for itself, but it's amazing that so many people fell for it.

Even the FBI got involved in Feb. 2001 to investigate the growth and sale of Bonsai Kittens, only to come up as empty-handed as Bush did when he went looking for WMDs.

So how about it, Muhlenberg? Let's see some pranks! I know it's late in the semester, but why not go out with a bang? As long as they are tasteful, safe and don't destroy any property, what's the harm? Here are a few suggestions, just in case you can't think of your own:

1) Condoms (such as the ones found for free at the Student Health Center) can hold nearly five gallons of water without breaking. Now, five gallons of water weighs about forty pounds, so the best way to transport this giant water balloon is with a well-greased cardboard box. After being placed in your destination of choice, it pretty much can't be moved without breaking.

2) Get some strong duct tape and wrapping paper that has the image of bricks. Then tape somebody in their room while they sleep, with the wrapping paper facing the inside of their room. Layer, and repeat. If done correctly, they'll be late for class, if you know what I mean.

3) This happened in high school with a locker, but I think it could be done with somebody's room, perhaps while they go away for a weekend. Tape-record yourself banging on the door and saying "Please let me out! The door won't open!" and leave it playing in a locked room.

4) Plant a small friend in a large tour group (and have a friend who is a tour guide in on the secret). As they walk through Seegers Union, have a group of your friends in masks pick the "plant" up and run away screaming "We got one! We got one!"

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Habitat For Humanity Mobile on wheels teaches lesson

By Elyse Ettin
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Given the rampant problem of poverty housing the College Chaplain brought the mobile to campus. The mobile is a multimedia exhibit that explains the story of poverty housing in America. On Apr. 26, The Habitat for Humanity Thrivent Builds Mobile was on campus, parked in the lot behind Haas College Center near the Life Sports Center. Peter Bredlau's, College Chaplain, and his office worked with representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 300 company and with the College's Habitat for Humanity club to bring the truck to the College. "This is the first time the Mobile has been in Allentown," said Bredlau.

Paul Leonard, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity International, sees the mobile as an educational experience that will help people better understand substandard housing. The truck has four pull-out sections, which provide

enough interior space for displays of substandard housing and new housing as well as the technology necessary to support the experi-

"When people visit this one-of-a-kind mobile education unit and experience substandard housing firsthand--when they see what it looks like and feel what it feels like--I believe visitors will be forever changed and motivated to take action."

-Paul Leonard
Chief Exec. Officer at
Habitat for Humanity
International

ence. The mobile was constructed in Atlanta, Ga. by Mobile Media Enterprises, Inc. and is operated by a three-person road crew and a local coordination team.

The mobile displays a 12 minute experience of this

living style. The first section of the mobile illustrates the look and feel of substandard housing as well as showing testimonials of those who have lived in substandard housing. Doors then open to another section of the truck display the sights, sounds and feel of hope through images, graphics and testimonials. The truck provides information about how individuals and organizations can address substandard housing through support, donations and volunteering, emphasizing the new opportunities to get involved in the movement through Thrivent Financial's 1,362.

Leonard said, "We can talk about substandard housing until we're blue in the face, but words just aren't enough to cause people to care. When people visit this one-of-a-kind mobile education unit and experience substandard housing firsthand--when they see what it looks like and feel what it feels like--I believe visitors will be forever changed and motivated to take action."

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worthwhile cause.

The opening ceremony will kick off on Sunday. Part of this ceremony will be running into the Survivor Lap, which honors cancer survivors.

Schnall and Corgan follow in the footsteps of Amy Bornholdt '06 who brought the event to campus for the first time last year.

"We've all been affected by cancer in some way, and this is a wonderful way to celebrate survivors and remember those who have died of cancer."

-Julia Zur '06

Julia Zur '06 appreciated last year's events and looks forward to her second year of Relay-ing for the Students Have A Real Effect (SHARE) team. "We've all been affected by cancer in some way, and this is a wonderful way to celebrate survivors and remember those who have died of cancer."

Schnall echoes Zur's explanation of Relay for

Life's inaugural campus success, which has only expanded this year. "Cancer's just something that touches a lot of people," said Schnall. "People were really receptive to not only having a fundraiser, but a fun day for the school."

In addition to the endless line of walkers, the day will entertain people with student bands and a cappella groups, a raffle, a "relay idol" singing contest and plenty of food. The dinner-time barbeque, along with all of the day's events, are open to the entire campus. Schnall hopes everyone will get involved. "Even if people didn't register they are still welcome to show up and eat and participate in the different activities that we have. The more people we have, the more fun it will be."

So far the committee is well on their way to meeting their goal of doubling last year's profit (10,000 dollars) and even increasing the turn-out (250 participants).

Amanda Wade '08, Secretary of Colleges Against Cancer said, "This event, and what it stands for is really important to many students at the College. We have spent a lot of time and effort to make this event special."



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Volunteer Tax Assistant Program helps local citizens

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Business and economics enthusiasts at the College recently completed work with a volunteer tax assistance program in the Lehigh Valley. Since the fall semester, Matt Roessler '08, President of the Business and Economics Club, has headed up campus student participation efforts with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) program under the guidance of Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, and Dr. Trevor Knox, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Economics. Volunteers were primarily drawn from the Business Club and the Business and Accounting Department.

The program was established to help lower-income families file tax returns and organize cumbersome income tax documents. Working in conjunction with the Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley (CACLV) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), each of the 27 participating students were trained and certified to process tax information.

Volunteers worked on

Tuesdays and Saturdays from Feb. 18 to Apr. 16 at the Allentown YMCA. Each student volunteered at least eight hours, though often they gave many more.

"It was the first tax returns I had ever filed," said Allison Klein '08. "Though they were frustrating at times, they ultimately got done and I felt a sense of accomplishment."

As an indication of their successful efforts, the College's participants processed 820 tax return forms and returned nearly 1.1 million dollars to lower-income residents of Allentown, Pa. These statistics reflected a significant increase from last year's efforts, where 620 returns were filed, refunding 875,000 dollars to Allentown citizens.

"It seemed like a good way to incorporate what we do in the business department," Roessler remarked. "People were very grateful, though most did not have an understanding of how taxes went. It was difficult to explain sometimes why they would be getting back certain amounts."

This year marks the third year of campus participation in VITA. Lane has coordinated the volunteer program on campus with

the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) and the IRS. All participating students at the College are certified in January. The first certification program was established in 2004.

"There is an educational component to it," Lane noted. "Most of these people do not have any extra income to pay for someone else to help them."




In addition to real world business and accounting experience, students were introduced to an unfamiliar real world social situation.

"It was definitely eye-opening to see how little income the people have to support themselves and their families with. This was something that I am definitely not used to and am not exposed to on campus," Gwen Royer '08 said.

Campus volunteers were confronted with language barriers in addition to the confusion in organizing forms. Despite the challenges, many volunteers remained optimistic and driven.

"The program was very tough, but it was such a fulfilling experience," Krista Mitchell '08 said. "I am looking forward to participating again next year."

Weekend Weather

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown School District awarded grant

The Ball Foundation has awarded a unique partnership to the Allentown School District. The partnership will help teachers and administration improve student achievement, particularly among students who have reading issues.

The focus is on literacy, serving a population that's traditionally underserved and closing the gaps between those target groups. Allentown, Pa., is one of two districts chosen for the partnership. It was picked out of 180 mid-size urban districts. The value of the grant could total 700,000 dollars over several years. The Ball Foundation, based in Glen Ellyn, Ill., sought districts with at least 45 percent of the students falling below certain income guidelines set forth by the foundation.

Kutztown University meets with townspeople

On Sunday night a community forum met at St. John's United Church of Christ in Kutztown, Pa., to discuss "town-gown" relations. Representatives of Kutztown University began the forum by talking about the University's economic impact on the borough, and the potential for students to become increasingly involved with the revitalization of downtown Kutztown.

The main topics of discussion at the forum changed quickly, with questions from the audience discussing problems involving students who live off-campus. Robert T. Watrous, Dean of Student Service and Campus Life, said the University is attempting to provide more on-campus activities that will bring students back to campus after their revels.

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a school, we are a breeding ground for the community at large. If we do something successful, they will follow our lead. We have to serve as a model outside the community," Gold said. "There are always things which we can do to improve."

As a campus there are many things students can improve upon. "Many students and faculty members alike are inadvertently taking actions that are wasting energy and money. There are four things which a typi-

cal member of the Muhlenberg community could do better. First, instead of leaving computers on overnight, they should be shut off. Whenever one is away from the computer for an extended period of time, vast amounts of energy is wasted instead of not shutting it off. Secondly, around campus students should start collecting signs. Thirdly, students should learn how to recycle properly. Lastly, in the dorm and classroom, lights should be turned off as much as possible to conserve energy," said Shanker.

The College participates in National Day of Silence

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

In 1996, the first Day of Silence was organized by students at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., and over 150 students participated. The Day of Silence received a great deal of local press coverage, motivating Maria Pulzetti to spread awareness about the Day of Silence.

By 1997, nearly 100 colleges and universities were participating in the event, which was renamed the National Day of Silence. As of this year, over 4,000 colleges, universities and high schools participate in the event nation-wide.

The event, according to Adrian Shanker '09, "is a day where students are silent to remember the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered [GLBT] people who have forcibly been silenced through violent means (Matthew Shephard, Teena Brandon, Gwen Arujo) and also to take a non-violent (hence, silence) stand against homophobia and anti-gay hatred."

Shanker explained the

significant difference between the two, saying, "the two cannot be confused. Homophobia is a fear, anti-gay hatred is bigotry."

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-Adrian Shanker '09

Shanker noted that "The National Day of Silence began as a partnership between the United States Student Association (USSA) and the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN)."

The College celebrated the Day of Silence on Apr. 26. That evening at the Pride House, students broke the silence with a ceremony

where students could openly discuss their feelings in a safe environment.

Shanker said, "The purpose of the Breaking the Silence Ceremony is to come together after a long day, honor those who stand up for our rights and to have fun."

At the event, six awards were presented, going to Jeremy Teissere, Assistant Professor and Director of Neuroscience; Beth Schachter, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance and Interim Program Director for Center for Ethics; Charles Anderson, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance; Troy Dwyer, Lecturer of Theatre and Dance; Janine Chi, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology; and Jeff Pooley, Instructor of Communication. They were recognized for aiding the effort of the Gay-Straight Alliance at the College.

The Day of Silence has become an annual opportunity for students and faculty to tell their truths about anti-LGBT bullying, violence and harassment.

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Student wins Goldwater Scholarship: Santa-Maria "excited and surprised"

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

John Santa-Maria '08 was recently awarded the Barry M. Goldwater scholarship. This scholarship, worth 7,500 dollars, is awarded to



John Santa-Maria '08 was one of 300 students who won the Goldwater scholarship.

PHOTO BY JENN LAVELLE

300 students who study engineering, sciences and mathematics annually.

Santa-Maria attended the presentation Post Graduate Awards program hosted by Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life. This program is designed to educate students about scholarships available to them outside of the College.

Future junior and senior students are eligible but they must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and plan on

going to graduate school to research with the intention of opening a private practice. This award can be earned for an additional year, provided that the student maintains high academic performance.

Students need nominations from their professors to apply and the application process is quite rigorous. Those who wish to apply must submit an original research proposal. Santa-Maria submitted a proposal concerning antibiotic synthesis and bacteria, an idea which he has been working on with Dr. Keri L. Colabroy, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Santa-Maria is a biochemistry and mathematics double major. He is a lab assistant for General Chemistry and a peer tutor. Santa-Maria is a member of the cross country team. Music is a passion of Santa-Maria's; he has been playing the piano for about thirteen years.

Santa-Maria had abundance support from those around him. His family and friends encouraged and inspired him. Dr. Charles E. Russell,

Associate Professor of Chemistry; Dr. Amy Hark, Assistant Professor of Biology; and Dr. Linda McGuire, Associate Professor of Mathematics; all wrote Santa-Maria the letters of recommendation required for the application to receive this scholarship.

Graduate school is most likely in Santa-Maria's future. He hopes to

obtain an M.D.-Ph.D. and conduct pharmaceutical research. He said "I want to help create new medicines and save people's lives."

When Santa-Maria found out that he won the award he said, "I figured it was a national competition and it's a very competitive process. I was very excited and surprised when I found out."

Closing Time

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All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls will be closing on the following dates and times:

For the Classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009

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For the Class of 2006

Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 18 - Sick Student - A female student passed out in the second floor hallway of Martin Luther Hall. She was semi-conscious and had pain in her upper abdominal area. Emergency Medical Services took her to St. Luke's Hospital and the Health Center was notified.

Apr. 18 - Vehicle Violation - An unregistered vehicle was parked on Chew Street. Campus Safety ticketed the vehicle. The owner of the car could not be located.

Apr. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm at 318 Albright Street went off due to steam from the first floor shower.

Apr. 18 - Suspicious Activity - A man called the Seegers

Union information desk asking for a student's phone number so that he could contact the student about something s/he lost. The student at the desk refused to release the information, and the item was returned to the student without the outsider.

Apr. 18 - Institutional Vandalism - Three students damaged a recycling display in Parents' Plaza and were referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - The frame glass on the outside door to the Martin Luther Hall Underground was shattered.

Apr. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - The glass pane on the front door at 321 N. 22nd Street was broken.

There are currently no suspects.

Apr. 20 - Larceny/Theft - Six tables were delivered by Action Rental and one was taken from Plant Operations to Parents' Plaza. Upon the movers return, the remaining five tables were gone.

Apr. 20 - Underage Alcohol - On the first floor of Walz Hall, four underage individuals were found with alcohol. They were all referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 21 - Burning Odor - A cigarette was thrown into the mulch at the south entrance of Brown Hall. The smoke was put out with a fire extinguisher.

Apr. 21 - Malicious Mischief

- Two male students were playing with a lacrosse ball in the freshman quad area. They entered Brown Hall and proceeded to continue their game of lacrosse inside the dorm. They were stopped when Campus Safety noticed a broken window and went inside Brown Hall to investigate. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm on the second floor of Robertson Hall went off due to a burnt cookie in the microwave.

Apr. 23 - Drug Possession - Six students on the second floor of Prosser Hall were found with marijuana and were referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 23 - Suspicious Activity - The front door at 2235 Gordon Street was left unlocked and a person opened the door without entering the apartment. S/he then drove away in a Ford Explorer.

Apr. 23 - Theft from Vehicle - A car parked on Liberty Street was broken into on Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The passenger side window was smashed and the car stereo was taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 23 - Theft - A Seegers' Union employee's purse was stolen from the catering area. The purse's contents included a Pennsylvania Operator's license, a prescription for medication, money and several credit cards.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The difference between life and the movies is that a script has to make sense and life doesn't."

- Joseph L. Mankiewicz

Broadway style of *Evita* goes BUST in Black Box production

By Megan Glick
OP/ED EDITOR

Musical theatre in a black box: definitely an interesting, if not daring idea. I saw the posters for *Evita* around Seegers Union, stark in black and white, with EVITA in bold capital letters above the famous image of Che Guevara. I have not seen the film version of *Evita*, nor the Broadway musical production (from which this production was taken), but I knew enough, thanks to my Civilization of Latin America class, to know that the two figures, Evita and Che, do not exactly go together. A controversial first lady from Argentina who rises from poverty to power, all under the harsh eye of the public, and a young Cuban revolutionary—I was intrigued.

The "50 Minute MTA Black Box Production," as it was tagged, was an abridged version of the full-length Broadway show *Evita* (by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber), and unfortunately I was not convinced during those fifty minutes that mainstream musical theatre can or should be translated into the black box setting and or that it fits with the black box "philosophy." I have had wonderful experiences at all other Muhlenberg Theater Association (MTA) black box productions I've attended. The philosophy and use of an intimate

and relatively blank space has always been manipulated and managed well. Leave enough for the imagination, let the audience work over the performance, keep them thinking about it long after the show is over: these are the "lessons" that I've learned about black box productions as an outsider to theatre and are what I have come to really appreciate about this particular type of theatre.

This production included the biggest set I've ever seen for a black box (and come to think of it, the only set), but it served well to separate Evita, Juan Peron and Che from the "crowds" (the eight-person chorus who alternately praised and ridiculed Evita). The fourteen songs did allow the audience to follow the rough timeline of Evita's life and to see a part of her struggle, but I just felt it was lacking something. Perhaps I need to see the full show.

The cast, which included Matt DiBiasio '06 as Che, Jessica Norland '08 as Evita and Eric Stephenson '09 as Juan, all performed well. Norland's voice was gorgeous and she well portrayed Evita's emotional difficulty in handling and balancing her background, personal life, political goals and many roles as a public figure. DiBiasio as Che, the play's narrator and Evita's conscience, had strong stage presence and even made me



Jessica Norland '08, as Evita, calls out to her people.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GLICK

nervous a few times (in a good way), as he was running the show, moving swiftly and decisively around the set and at times almost playing puppeteer to Evita. Stephenson's Peron was barely visible, but his voice was a joy to listen to and I wish I could have seen more of him in terms of the relationship between Evita and Juan. But, the show is, after all, titled "Evita."

While the singing and acting were performed as well as they could have been, the subject matter of the play (with the heavy themes of dictatorship, women's suffrage, workers' rights and cancer) was too much for an audience to take in only by song. Despite the historical timeline

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

HOW CAN ART BE USED TO CHANGE THE WORLD?



"Art is a lens that repositions the experience mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually, in hopes of bringing about thoughts and questions that apply to a larger realm."

- Andrew Brown '09



"Through listening to the Acafellas because they are amazing!"

- Zack Gugenheim '08



"Art has the power to take undeveloped ideas and produce new and exciting ways of thinking."

- Libby Hill '07



"Art can be used as a tool to explore and evaluate our perceptions of reality...it's amazing."

- Becca Schneider '06



"Crayons and coloring make people happy!"

- Sina Khoshbin '06

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Coffeehouse stirs things up for Arts Week

By Sarah Smith
LIFE! EDITOR

The Red Door in Seegers Union was overflowing with chocolate on Sunday night from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. as a fountain of chocolate fondue and trays of strawberries, pretzels and Oreos were just asking to be dipped and eaten. With free coffee from Free Trade provided to wash everything down, you couldn't ask for a better reason to stick around The Red Door, except, of course, for the amazing performances going on.

The coffeehouse was held that night in honor of Arts Week, a week-long celebration of the arts and its importance to the College and the community. Daily skits, vocal performances, caberets and one-acts could be found throughout the College campus last week. The coffeehouse in The Red Door served as the beginning hurrah for the week of artsy indulgence and fun.

From its beginning to end, the coffeehouse had people coming in and going out in small crowds. Acts played 20 minutes during their designated time slots, filling up all the spots during the event's five hour duration.

One of those acts was Rachel Weis '07, an education major with a love for Slam poetry. Slam poetry can be characterized as spoken poetry. When you write it, you write it with the intent of performing it later on. Therefore, word inflections and gestures are important as all actions help convey the message of the piece. Weis performed a few poems such as "Coffee and Chalkboards," "Sharps and Flats," "Stuck on Green" and "3 a.m. in July."

"Coffee and Chalkboards" was about the misconceptions of a teacher's job. The common saying is "that who can't do, teach." Offended by this saying, as many future and current teachers are, she changes that out-dated mumbojumbo to

"those that can do, must teach." She illustrates her point with depictions of 40 eager eyes, and 20 yearning brains looking at the teacher for guidance. She mentions the stress and worries that teachers have about letting no child be left behind.

Many of her poems were very easy to relate to. One, about the ridiculousness of standardized tests, all composed as if it was the rote announcement test-giving teachers usually make. Another poem, which described kindergarten love and how she demanded to know if one little boy liked her. She wanted to know where that self-assured, confident child wanting to know if she was loved went. After each of her selections, loud yells of approval went up. Overall, Weis' Slam poetry spoke to many people in the crowd.

Other performers such as Scott Clausen '07, Jill Visco '07 and Emily

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Bali reading falls short of play's potential

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Finding things to do on campus, especially during Arts Week, is never an issue. What seems to be the issue is the quality of the events that are scheduled. For some reason there was something lacking in some of the events put on by the College.

Andrew Grimm '07, Lisa Kowalski '06 and Peter Wald '07, among others performed a theatrical reading of Girish Karnad's *Bali: The Sacrifice* on Apr. 23. It was performed with the players simply sitting on stools in the lobby of Seegers Union, reading from copies of scripts.

"When my roommate asked me to read the play I was honored. It was my first 'acting' experience at Muhlenberg. It was fun and it brought back a lot of memories of acting in high school," said Wald.

Bali was about a king, his mother, his wife and a poor elephant keeper. The story unfolds and, at what is also the climax of the play, the queen and the elephant keeper meet (which is considered scandalous in Indian culture) and are found by the king and his mother. However, the main story of the king and queen's relationship is told through flash-



Students read *Bali: The Sacrifice* to a small crowd in Seegers Union.

backs throughout the play. Issues in their relationship are centered around the friction of his and his wife's peaceful religion and his mother's more violent one. They work on trying to compromise so that they can each live according to what they believe without offending the other party.

Though the actors read with passionate voices, the story line was interesting and the narrator

tried to set the scenes, the actual setting of the performance and simply reading just didn't do the performance justice. Stage directions and settings read aloud left the listener wanting. It was not enough to keep everyone's attention.

Though I enjoyed listening to the interesting story and the amazing readers, there seems like there could have been a better choice then for the location of the play.

AMC Weekend Listings



Akeelah and the Bee

Fri.. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Ice Age: The Meltdown

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 7:10

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Scary Movie 4

Fri. 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
Sat. 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 7:40

The Sentinel

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Silent Hill

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

United 93

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Wild

Fri.. 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:00

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Making the grade: Excel at life and love with this year's final review

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

So it's my last column of the year. Everyone has been telling me that it's got to be great, and I need to go out with a bang. In trying to come up with ideas, I realized the best way to finish the year is to do what I am doing for my finals: Review and reflect on the past year, and try to figure out if I actually learned anything.

It's been a roller-coaster ride, with everything from the highest of highs, to the lowest of lows, sneaky turns and switchbacks and plenty of puking. I started out the school year thinking that I was only a few months away from receiving a huge rock from my much older, long-distance boyfriend. I was so consumed by the fact that by outward appearances, he was the perfect man. He was very handsome, successful and fun to be with. In actuality, we had little in common. He was selfish, inconsiderate and spoiled. We were

in different places in our lives, and it just wasn't going to work out.

When it ended, I was thrust into the deepest pit of despair. I thought I had missed the boat. I would never again find true love or happiness, and, for a while there, it was true. I proceeded to conduct my own personal ho-train. Each guy was worse than the next. All I wanted was the attention and love that I so desperately craved. Instead, I was swimming with the pond scum of the College dating pool. You name it—guys with girlfriends who seemed to “forget” they had them, with substance abuse problems, and with misshapen and often microscopic per...personalities.

I watched everyone start to pair off, except for me. It's hard to see your ex with a new (younger) girlfriend. You think, “What was wrong with me?” What about this new girl made Mr. “I don't want a girlfriend” suddenly go ga-ga over some sopho-

more? Why it didn't work out, I may never know. The hardest part about it was realizing that it was me, but not in a negative way.

Two people need to “click” to work as a successful couple. A great physical relationship means nothing without any emotional and intellectual chemistry and vice versa. It's like each one of us is a puzzle, and we need to find that mate who fits us everywhere, not just in one place. My qualities were not going to fit with these men, but I can honestly say that for two in particular, I am glad that they have found the special pieces that fit them.

I often found that my impulsivity and deep desire to find a boyfriend was the main problem as to why I did not have one. I learned that men can smell desperation like a crappy perfume and I was drenched in it. First, it draws them in to see what they can get from you. Then, it frightens them away, screaming and

waving their arms in the air while running out of your room. The truth is everyone likes a challenge. Delayed gratification pays off way more in the long run than a quickie in the bathroom at Lupo's. It's best to be mysterious while leaving enough up to the imagination to keep him coming back for more.

The last thing I learned is to just let go. With three weeks left of school, this is no time to be thinking about finding a boyfriend. Exams, papers and all the stress of packing up all my things is enough to occupy my mind and hours without looking for romance. Who has the time now?

So I am just going to have fun. I'm going to enjoy the rest of the school year with an open mind, not open legs. I'm going to finish up my work, look forward to the summer and chill with friends. Once you stop looking so hard for something, you will find it somewhere you never expected.

Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!



David Bazan of Pedro and the Lion breaks in the Great Room

By Erin McGroarty
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Spring is in the air and everything is expanding, including the College. With the new additions that have been going up, there are many new places ready for use. Groups and bands looking for places to perform are already taking advantage of these new areas. Last Sat., Apr. 22, David Bazan of Pedro and the Lion played one of the first concerts to be put on in the new Great Room in Seegers Union.

This event was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA). There was coffee, cheesecake and all the fudge brownie concoctions you could handle. A good-sized

crowd gathered to hear Bazan. He played for around an hour and gave one of the more entertaining performances I've attended in a while. Bazan had no introduction and simply walked on stage to begin the show. He played acoustically and had a unique and extraordinary voice that filled the room.

Because it was such an intimate setting, Bazan was able to converse with the crowd. He played a few songs that had a somber tone and, at the same time, had enough humor so that they weren't depressing. He announced that the rest of the performance was going to have the same tone, just so people were warned. Bazan played both new and old music and he continued to joke

around with the crowd. Unlike a lot of performers Bazan was willing to take questions, “as long as they aren't in the middle of a song... 'cause I won't stop playing.”

Several songs like “The Bells” and “Promise” were requested by fans of Pedro and the Lion but Bazan was only willing to play a few of them. When “Lullaby,” one of Pedro and the Lion's most popular songs, was requested Bazan very politely refused to play it. Though he acknowledged the quality of the song he politely said he had grown out of the feelings that that song was inspired from and wouldn't play it. Such real comments like these not only made the audience laugh but also brought Bazan down to a

personal level, so that the audience could connect with him.

After the performance Bazan stuck around and talk to the group of students that formed around the stage to meet him. He was one of the most down-to-earth performers that has visited the campus. Bazan was also up for hanging around off Campus at Woody's for a beer with those fans who were old enough to get in.

Bazan not only put on an amazing show with great music but also was also a gracious guest while he was at the College. With such a fantastic performance at the end of the year, let's hope that we can get next year's performances started off with the same quality.

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Aries

Fun days are ahead of you and yes, I'm being very sarcastic. Finals are only days away and you are sitting on your butt, snacking Pringles and watching season one of *Grey's Anatomy*. What are you doing? Bonus points on the Pringles brain food, but the TV needs to be turned off. Open your textbook, study for a few hours and then watch some of *Grey's* as a reward.

Taurus

My mother always told me, "Watch what you eat." The same goes for you this week. Cafeteria ladies have always notoriously worn hairnets to ensure flyaways. But our ladies don't wear hairnets! Therefore, watch out for any unsightly additions that may be lingering on your plate. Who knows, you may get a surprise you weren't quite looking for.

Gemini

It's summer time and the living's easy. You know the song, "Fish are jumping and the water is high. Oh your daddy's rich and your mom's good looking, so hush little baby, don't you cry." So put down your convertible top and show everyone what your daddy's made of... money! But be careful, as always, you just might crash if you don't look both ways.

Cancer

Have you noticed students donning red scarves? These people represent the 1.5 percent of the South African population that is infected with AIDS. This is a warning to you to be careful and always wrap it up. *wink wink* It only takes one time to be included in the 21.5 percent and you don't want to be next, now do we. Don't be a fool, wrap the tool.

Leo

Hitting the gym and trying to get in shape for the summer season? Historically, treadmills have posed many problems for the exercise enthusiast and occasional gym-goer. They have handles, so be sure to hold on because if you don't let go, you'll fall and you will fall and no one will help you. They'll just laugh. (It's true.)

Virgo

My oh my, don't we look purty! April has been good to you. The spring rains have washed away your grimy winter self, leaving a fresh and sparkling you! Spring colors lighten the face and brighten the mood. Put on a pink collared shirt or spring skirt and flounce through the last days of school.

Libra

Envision a long aisle. See your fellow students fall as their names are called and they go up in paged succession. Okay, now blink and come back to reality. That's not going to be your reality because you're going to fail your finals. So sit back, because there's not much you can do now. Just try and enjoy your summer classes and the idea of another semester of work.

Scorpio

Working on final papers right now? Be sure to save. Computers have been known to spontaneously combust or even die leaving you with the blue screen of death. Just about everyone knows how that goes and how CDs won't do anything to save you despite all of their gadgets. Your paper will be gone! Get back to the library, start writing and don't forget the flash drive.

Sagittarius

Hot weather is fun. It makes you think of exotic islands, tropical drinks and romantic encounters, but you know what's not included: sunburn. Don't try and oil yourself up, because then you're asking for cancer big time. When swimming and sweating, suntan lotion washes off, leaving your skin vulnerable to UV rays. So spread it on thick when you're on the Front Lawn!

Capricorn

For the love of the sun, please don't go to tanning booths. For one, they are cancer ovens, boiling your skin into a pulp with harmful rays. I know that you want to look like a bronzed goddess, but everyone knows the tale, so I'm just trying to save you from looking like a fool. Be outside for a little while or play some Frisbee to get that natural rosy glow.

Aquarius

The stars are aligned in your favor! If you have been thinking about buying that bike, here we see you've been salivating over all semester, now is the time! Don't worry about your exams, you'll do fine! Go out and enjoy yourself. But beware of your guy friends. They have been talking about your mom again, and not in a nice way.

Pisces

April showers bring many flowers, but not for Pisces. April rain will be as toxic to your car as acid on a Buick (think the old Witch of the West). Wash your car with traditional garb. Put on a raincoat and a hat at that Doris! Stay dry as you watch everything you've built up melt into a giant grey puddle.

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that was included in the program, I needed to Google the show later to get the real story so I could try to piece together what I saw in the play with the show's history and fully understand what went on. I applaud the cast and crew for their hard work

in this exploratory theatrical adventure. I cannot stress enough how amazed I was with the acting, lighting and sets; however, I must regard the play as a failed experiment. It just didn't seem to fit what a black box is supposed to represent. Less really is more when it comes to putting on a show for black box theatre.



Performers cheer on Juan Peron in *Evita*.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GLICK

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Herring '09, filled the other slots of the night. Acoustic guitar and singing seemed to be the most popular acts of the night. There was also a small art show on the side which featured some paintings and sculpture by Erin McGroarty '07. Beth

Schnapp '08 said, "It's nice that the College has something like this. It's a nice chill, relaxed atmosphere."

Residential Hall Association (RHA) worked in conjunction with Bailey Verdone '09 and Alex Lotorto '09 to make this coffeehouse a possibility and start Arts Week off with a bang.



Rachel Weis '07 wows the audience with her Slam poetry.

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Runners sprint towards the NCAAs

By Jess Morreale
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

At the East Stroudsburg Invitational, held this past weekend in East Stroudsburg, Pa., the Mules qualified several runners for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships (NCAA) and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships (ECAC).

For the women, Junior Sarah Mitchell captured first place in the javelin throw with a distance of 132-3 feet, which easily surpassed the NCAA provisional qualifying standard of 127-7 feet. Mitchell's performance was only nine inches short of the College record, which she set last year when she qualified for the NCAAs.

Senior Danielle Seiler qualified for the NCAAs in the 400-meter intermediate hurdle race with a third place finish and a time of 1:04.31. She barely missed the provisional mark in her race, a time of 1:04.14.

Freshman Janette Adams won the 5000-meter race and qualified for the ECACs with a time of 18:50.22. Adams is the second member of the women's team to qualify for ECACs in the 5000-meter race this season.

For the men, Junior Lex Mercado

qualified for the ECACs in the 800-meter race with a first place finishing time of 1:55.21.

"What was different about this meet was that it was postponed from Sat., Apr. 22 to Sun., Apr. 23 because of the weather. However, instead of hindering performances, it helped," said Senior Caffery Garff. Only six out of the twelve teams actually came. This made the meet much smaller and much faster. We were home by 4:30 p.m. While there was less competition, it is still impressive when a lot of people qualify for the ECACs."

Freshman Hannah Sylvester had outstanding performances in the Invitational this past weekend, ranking in the top eight spots in three events: the high jump, long jump and javelin. Sylvester ranked fourth on the College's all-time performance list with her javelin throw of 102-1 meters.

In the dual-meet scoring of the College and Moravian College, the women defeated Moravian 84-49 and the men defeated Moravian 87-65. This gave the College a final lead of 12-6 in the 2005-06 Matte Award standings.

On Apr. 27 and 28 several Mules will compete in the Penn Relays, which will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa.



Freshman Janette Adams runs in the 5,000-meter race. Her time qualified her for the ECAC Championship.

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Mules split games with one win, one loss

By Betsy Stoller
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

After two postponements, the Mules finally played their doubleheader against the McDaniel College Green Terror on Apr. 24.

Each of the two games were decided by one run as the Mules fell to McDaniel 2-1 during the first game and defeated the Green Terror 1-0 that same night.

Eleven of the last 17 meetings between the two teams were decided by one run and/or in extra innings. These games let both the Mules and the Green Terror retain their original Centennial Conference (CC) standings. The Mules currently rank in third place with four games remaining. Two of the four games are against Ursinus and Haverford Colleges, who rank number one and two in the CC, respectively. McDaniel currently ranks in sixth place.

With her pitching, Sophomore Katie Vecchione led the Mules to a win in the second game against

McDaniel. She allowed only five hits. She struck out five runners and walked none, pitching her second consecutive shut-out. She was nearly flawless after allowing three first inning singles, and allowing only one hit in the next six frames.

In a previous game against Washington College, the Mules took the game into extra innings to score the lone run. This time they were able to break through in the fifth inning. Senior Lindsay Ruhling who was honored between the games, led off with a double to deep right.

Junior Hilary Marinchak, the next batter after Ruhling, hit the first pitch down the middle to drive in Ruhling. In her previous times at bat, Marinchak had fallen into a 0-2 hole and fouled off six pitches to draw in a walk. "I felt comfortable at the plate after so many pitches," said Marinchak.

The Mules' next game is at 4:00 p.m. home on Apr. 28 versus Kings College.

SOFTBALL



Senior Lindsay Ruhling cheers on Junior Tina Roth as she catches a fly ball in the outfield.

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Mules swing holds strong

By Tiffany Kirk
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week, the Mules' women's tennis team traveled to Haverford College to take on the Fords. Winning 6-3, the women clinched a Centennial Conference berth.

The number one doubles team, Freshman Jenn Powell and Senior Amy Schmidt, won decisively, 8-2. Powell and Schmidt went on to win

their singles matches as Schmidt continued her perfect singles record with her tenth consecutive win this season. She won with a 6-2, 6-0 victory. Schmidt is the first in College history to reach a double-digit winning streak in each of her four seasons.

Last Friday, the women fell to the Washington College Shorewomen, a likely CC playoff

opponent, with a score of 5-4. The Shorewomen were one spot ahead of the Mules in both CC and Atlantic South Regional rankings.

Unless Swarthmore College loses two of its last three matches, the College will face Washington in the CC semi-finals this weekend.

The highlight of Friday's match came when Schmidt and Powell defeated Washington's number one doubles team, who are ranked 11th in the region and were previously undefeated in CC competition. This also extended Schmidt's singles streak to 11 wins.

The Mules' men faced the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays on Sunday because their match against Gettysburg College on Saturday was postponed until Apr. 24.

With this second to last match at Johns Hopkins, the men fell to the regionally-ranked Blue Jays, 7-0. Another senior-freshman doubles team, Senior Adam Nodiff and Freshman Brian Wernick, won their fourth match-up in a row.

On Apr. 24, the men hosted Gettysburg College and lost 7-0. The Mules ended their season with this last match-up.

MEN'S TENNIS



Senior Adam Nodiff swings hard to win his fourth consecutive match.

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goal scored against them in the second half.

With the help of senior co-captains Charlotte Adams, Jessica Geiger, Junior Kelli Sakonchick and Freshman Marguerite Farrell, the defense remained composed in the second half.

In the final game of the season on Apr. 24, the Mules faced Rosemont. They had a convincing 18-5 win. Donohue shattered the College record of five assists in a game by collecting eight assists, also breaking the Centennial Conference record of seven assists. Tapkas deposited eight goals and Light contributed four goals.

"As a senior it is very sad to end the season because we all have gotten so close over the years. It was, however, great to finish with such a bang and for the seniors to be able to score and enjoy the final game of the season. It is hard to say goodbye but it was great," said Light. "I will always treasure my years as a Mule athlete because of my experiences on and off the field."

The Mules finished seventh place in the Centennial Conference play and did not qualify for playoffs. They lost to Gettysburg, Franklin and Marshall and Dickinson Colleges.

Conference win spurs on Mules

By Shannon Donohue
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Just one week after winning their first Centennial Conference game of the season, the men's lacrosse team did it again in their match-up against the Swarthmore College Garnets. The Mules defeated the Garnets 8-6 for their first CC win on the road.

The Mules, who were 5-5 going into the game, started out slow. Trailing by one at halftime, the Mules were only able to score two points in the first half. They were able to regain strength in the second half and out-scored the Garnets, 6-3.

"We just couldn't find our rhythm in the first half. However, in the second half it all came together on the offense. The defense was

able to stay strong. It was exactly what we needed to get us through this game and take home this big win," said junior defender Christian Messler.

The Mules' rhythm was controlled by the offense in the second half, namely senior attack James Robinson and Freshman Nick Fletcher.

Robinson, who notched his 11th career hat-trick, scooped up a ball in front of the goal and put it in to tie the score with 12 minutes left. One minute later, Fletcher made a similar play that put the Mules up permanently.

With two goals and two assists for the day, Fletcher's impact was felt in the Mules' offensive end. In the midfield, Freshman Dan Dugan won six face-offs in

the second half, helping to secure a possession for the Mules that ultimately led to their victory.

"Thanks to Dan Dugan, who had a bunch of big face-offs at the end of the game and got us the ball, it all just came together. It was a team effort," noted Messler.

The Mules' second-half hustle was helped along by Junior Steve Toto, who picked up six ground balls, increasing his team total to 36 this season. Junior goalie Dan Koch made a season-high

16 saves.

The Mules' final game will be Apr. 29 at 1:30 p.m. versus McDaniel College.

Despite a strong effort during the regular season, the men will not appear in post-season play.



Sophomore Kyle Farris cradles the ball down the field.

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allowing only four earned runs. Each team had a chance to score in extra innings. The Mules loaded the bases with two outs in the tenth inning and Dickinson had the bases loaded with one out in the 11th. Freshman Mike Misciagna retired the Red Devils' second and third hitters on infield popups and the umpires ruled that it was too dark to start the 12th inning.

Pitching won out over hitting as regionally-ranked Franklin and Marshall College, the defending Centennial Conference Champion, swept the Mules, 9-2 and 10-5. After the games of last Sunday, the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats (24-8, 14-2) were ninth in Division III in staff Earned Runs Average (ERA). The Mules were eighth in runs scored and 18th in team batting average.

The Mules took a 1-0 lead in the opener on a two-out RBI single by Hammond in the second, but had a runner thrown out at home on the play and did not score again until the seventh inning. Junior Pete Oris singled in that seventh inning run, tying the College record with his 36th RBI of the season. Hammond added a two-run single in the final game. Junior Ryan Sassaman had a pair of hits in each game.

"We were having a tough time with losing some of our big games recently, ones we needed. However, our next big game this weekend is against Johns Hopkins and if we win we have a good shot at the play-offs, so we are trying to learn from this loss and to find what we had during our winning streak so that we can have a chance to make it to play-offs," said Bonder.

The Mules next game, versus Kings College, is on Fri., Apr. 28 at 4:00 p.m.



Sophomore Paul Faith throws a ball down the middle to try and keep the Mules alive.

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Mules finish with record season

By Lauren Wygonski
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

As the semester comes to a close, the Mules' women's lacrosse team is finishing up a record season. Despite their loss against McDaniel, they were able to defeat their final opponent, Rosemont College on Apr. 24, after a record-breaking season.

With one game left to play, the Mules have nine wins and five losses, which beats the College record of eight wins set last season. The last game was against McDaniel College and, despite scoring six goals in the second half, the Mules came up short. McDaniel took an early lead, scoring nine points versus the Mules' three in the first half.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Since they scored six goals, the Mules were not shut-out by McDaniel. Senior co-Captain Courtney Tapkas scored four goals, senior co-Captain Steph Light scored three, and Freshman Kate Noone and Freshman Ruth

Morrongiello each hit in one.

This offensive effort was not possible without the three assists by Senior co-Captain Shannon Donohue. Sophomore Marissa Capuano and Freshman Sara Hiller contributed two assists as well. The strong offense was matched only by the defense which, despite the initial nine goals scored by McDaniel, maintained momentum to have only one

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Senior Steph Light cradles the ball before scoring one of her four goals of the game.

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Mules succumb to Red Devils

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules were hifless for the first five innings and dropped the first of two crucial games against Dickinson College, 15-3 on Apr. 18. The Mules (15-13, 8-5) entered the day a half-game ahead of the Dickinson Red Devils (14-15-1, 7-3-1) and battled it out for the fourth and final playoff spot. Junior pitcher Jason Bonder kept the Mules in the game, surrendering only four earned runs in seven plus innings.

However, the Mules' bats failed to secure the win. Freshman outfielder Eric Hammond, who broke up the no-hit bid with a leadoff single in the sixth inning, added a two-run single in the seventh inning.

Junior catcher AJ Bettini had the other Runs Batted In (RBI) for the Mules when he drove in senior co-Captain Matt Tobia on a fielder's choice.

Junior shortstop Matt Block

reached the base three out of four times, walking twice and singling once. He scored on Hammond's two-run single in the seventh inning.

On Friday, a pinch-hit three-run homerun by sophomore outfielder Joseph Carlo was the big hit as the Mules came back to tie Dickinson, 7-7. The game was called after 11 innings due to darkness.

The Mules (15-13-1, 8-5-1) trailed 6-1 heading into the eighth inning, but Junior Mike Hart and Freshman John Kalis

led off with singles and Carlo came off the bench to belt his third round-tripper of the season. One out later, senior co-Captain Chad Hegstrom doubled, coming around on a single by Hammond to cut the Red Devils' lead to 6-5.

The Mules scored two more runs in the top of the ninth inning but the Red Devils tied up the game in the bottom of the inning. Junior pitcher Tom McDonald pitched nine innings

BASEBALL



On Apr. 18, against Dickinson College Junior Pete Oris swings big, rallying the Mules to a comeback.

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Allentown Police Department sounds off on crime

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In examining crime in Allentown, The Muhlenberg Weekly had a phone interview with Roger MacLean, Chief of Police of the Allentown Police Department, to discuss the crime scene in Allentown.

The Weekly: Where do most crimes occur in Allentown?

Roger MacLean: Well, it's hard to pinpoint. Crimes occur mostly where you have the most amount of people. That is historically where you have more crime.

TW: Has crime increased or decreased within the past five years in Allentown?

RM: It has increased in the last three years: 2002, 2003, 2004. Homicides were record set last year.

TW: Who is the most vulnerable to be a victim of a crime (i.e. rape, burglary, muggings) in Allentown? Who do criminals target especially?

RM: People need to be alert. People have to be aware of surroundings. People should walk with a friend, know surroundings, walk in a lighted area and look around. When you leave, lock all

doors. Make road blocks so that it will be harder for criminals to commit crimes.

TW: What are the most common types of crime that occur in Allentown?

RM: Theft, by far. Stealing furniture from front porches to stealing money in ash trays in cars.

TW: There is a rumor that gangs from New York City, NY, are moving out of the city and to Allentown. Is this true?

RM: There are gangs in Allentown. We have tracked some of them from New York City. It makes it challenging to determine where they are from. They do not have a certain 'look' that distinguishes them as a gang member. Each gang wears different colors or bandannas. It's very tough to determine where they are from.

TW: How is the APD trying to decrease crime in the area?

RM: Focusing on problem areas. Specific areas. Areas through intelligence and through the community. We look at stats. Get activity info [sic] from community and police office. We want to go to certain areas where a lot of crimes happen instead of patrolling the entire area. It is more effective that way.



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Tackling the 'Red Zone'

By Anita Kelly

Director of Counseling Services

No, Muhlenberg's Red Zone Program has nothing to do with reaching the end zone on a football field. However, both our Red Zone and the National Football League's Red Zone are all about a "danger zone." At Muhlenberg, the Red Zone is the period of time between First-Year Student Orientation and Fall Break. This is the time when young men and women are most likely to find themselves in some type of danger.

First-year students are not familiar with their surroundings or with their peers. Because of this, they can sometimes trust the wrong person to get them home after a night of drinking or fall victim to a rape drug slipped into their drink without their knowledge. Often first-year students feel insecure and alone yet are eager to test the limits of a parentless society by drinking heavily and engaging in behavior that they think will gain them social approval. Sometimes testing these limits may have negative consequences. Counseling Services has the task of trying to prepare first-year students for what they may encounter during this Red Zone period. We now offer a Red Zone Program during First-Year Student Orientation weekend. This was not the case eight years ago when Red Zone programming was held

during the first week of classes and consisted of showing a video about drinking during the first year followed by a discussion. Holding the Red Zone program after orientation gave a clear message that this information was not that important.

A few years ago the College accepted my request to move the Red Zone Program to First-Year Student Orientation Weekend and give it the place of importance that it deserves. The information that first-year students receive during the Red Zone program may save their lives. Red Zone has evolved into an informative and essential piece of first-year student orientation. Issues of rape, drugs, sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV), irresponsible drinking and drugging and all types of sexual assault are discussed.

Although these are very serious and sometimes life-threatening issues, we try to present the topics in a very entertaining manner. Student Advisors are trained to assist their advisees who may experience distress or have concerns as a result of the Program. Counseling staff is available for students who need it.

Our goal is to inform students of what they can expect and what they may encounter so that they are able to make informed decisions regarding not only their future use of alcohol and other drugs but also regarding their behaviors that go along with that use. We want to make the Red Zone less dangerous for our first-year students so that by the time they are seniors, they can cross over comfortably into the end zone!

Amount of Offenses Reported in Allentown

Year	Population	Murder and manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
2000	102,557	9	40	349	290	1,195	3,086	547	53
2001	106,685	8	46	295	269	1,111	3,052	456	41
2002	107,101	9	58	294	254	1,212	3,615	502	81
2003	106,336	12	51	259	219	1,111	3,851	629	54
2004	106,308	11	51	360	109	1,389	3,861	530	31

Statistics Courtesy of Roger MacLean

Why do crimes occur? It's mental

By Mark J. Sciutto, Ph.D.
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To understand how criminal behavior develops, psychologists typically look at *antisocial behavior*, which includes illegal acts as well as non-criminal problem behaviors (e.g., aggression, defiance). Looking at this broader class of conduct problems is useful because many of these behaviors are noticeable at an early age and have been found to predict future criminal activity. Antisocial behaviors are very common among youth. In fact, very few adolescents do not engage in some form of antisocial behavior.

Yet, there is a small minority of individuals who show early signs of conduct problems that continue through adolescence and persist into adulthood. Some researchers have estimated that more than half of all crimes in the United States are committed by approximately five percent of the population. If most youths engage in some antisocial behaviors, why do so few develop persistent and severe problems?

Psychologists Kenneth Dodge and Gregory Pettit suggest that understanding the development of antisocial behaviors is analogous to understanding the development of chronic medical conditions like heart disease. There are many ways to develop heart disease and the outcome of heart disease (e.g., myocardial infarction) is attributable to a diverse group of contributing influences.

Furthermore, some risk factors, called *distal* factors, are present at or near birth (e.g., genetics). Other factors, called *proximal* factors, occur at a point in time closer to the onset of the actual problems (e.g., stress). In general, no one factor is sufficient to cause heart disease, but each factor interacts with others to *increase the probability* of future problems. A similar case can be made for understanding antisocial behavior.

Dodge and Pettit suggest that a variety of *biological factors* may increase the probability of future antisocial behavior, including a genetic predisposition to certain traits (e.g., impulsivity), prenatal exposure to toxins (e.g., opiates or methadone) and early infant temperament (e.g., very fussy).

The *sociocultural context* into which a child is born also matters. For instance, higher rates of antisocial behavior are associated with disadvantaged neighborhoods and/or families (e.g., poverty, low education) as well as particular subculture norms (e.g., very high need to defend one's honor, use of physical discipline). Early parenting behaviors (e.g., harsh parenting) and early peer experiences (e.g., exposure to aggressive peers) are also significant predictors of later antisocial problems.

The distal factors described above likely play an indirect role; they contribute to the child's knowledge and beliefs about the social world. They do not explain *how* these factors contribute to a given individual's antisocial behavior in a

particular situation.

Accordingly, researchers have also studied risk factors that occur closer to the onset of the problematic behavior. For instance, individuals who engage in antisocial behavior tend to differ in the way they process social information (a consequence of the distal risk factors). For example, when faced with an ambiguous situation (e.g., a peer bumps into you in the hall), antisocial youths tend to assume that the other person's intent was hostile. Once a threat has been identified, antisocial youths are more likely to believe that aggressive responses are the best option and less likely to generate alternative solutions. The consequence of this thought sequence is often some form of antisocial behavior.

While thinking of antisocial behavior in this way may make sense to many people, there is little agreement on what to do about these problems. In general, when it comes to mental health issues, people tend to be much more reactive than proactive. There are many effective interventions for antisocial behavior but the greatest impact requires early intervention.

Within the field of clinical psychology, there has been an increasing push to view antisocial behavior as a public health issue requiring a greater emphasis on prevention. However, as a society, we have not been willing to devote significant resources to prevent future problems. Instead, we rely much more on simply punishing antisocial behaviors after they occur.

Distinguishing crimes

Rape — "forced sexual intercourse; sexual assault; sexual intercourse between an adult and a minor. Rape may be heterosexual or homosexual. Rape involves insertion of an erect penis or an inanimate object into the female vagina or the male anus. Legal definitions of rape may also include forced oral sex and other sexual acts."

Homicide — "the killing of a human being due to the act or omission of another. Homicides are murder and manslaughter, but not all homicides are a crime, particularly when there is a lack of criminal intent. Non-criminal homicides include killing in self-defense, a misadventure like a hunting accident or automobile wreck without a violation of law like reckless driving, or legal (government) execution. Suicide is a homicide, but in most cases there is no one to prosecute if the suicide is successful."

Mugging — "assault with intent to rob."

Assault and battery — "an assault upon a victim that is carried out by striking the victim, knocking the victim down or otherwise doing violence to the victim."

Robbery — "1) the direct taking of property (including money) from a person through force, threat or intimidation. Robbery is a felony (crime punishable by a term in state or federal prison). Armed robbery involves the use of gun or other weapon which can do bodily harm, such as a knife or club and under most state laws carries a stiffer penalty (longer possible term) than robbery by merely taking. 2) a term improperly used to describe thefts, including burglary (breaking and entering) and shoplifting."

Burglary — "the crime of breaking and entering into a structure for the purpose of committing a crime. Contrary to common belief, a burglary is not necessarily for theft. It can apply to any crime, such as assault or sexual harassment, whether the intended criminal act is committed or not. Originally under English Common Law burglary was limited to entry in residences at night, but it has been expanded to all criminal entries into any building or even into a vehicle."

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Know the statistics: Crime at the 'Berg

By Tom Dougherty

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The Department of Campus Safety at the College responded to 31,618 incidents in 2005, a decrease of 3.22 percent of incidents as compared with 2004 (32,669 incidents). There were 864 incident reports written in 2005 compared to 1,037 written in 2004, a decrease of 16.82 percent. In comparing the 593 reports written for the first six months of 2004 to the 371 written in the same period in 2005, there was a 37.44 percent decrease in reports. In comparing the last six months of 2004 to the same period in 2005, 444 to 493, there was an increase of 9.94 percent. In comparing the numbers from each six month period of each year in 2004, there was a decrease of 25.13 percent in reports written in the second six month period. In comparing each six month period of 2005 there was an increase of 24.75 percent in the second six month period for written reports.

Of the events responded to by the department, 1.42 percent of the incidents were for events classified as crime (total crime incident 450) as compared to 2004, when the number of classified crime incidents responded to were 1.83 percent of the incidents. In comparing the crime incidents of 2004 to 2005 there was an overall decrease of 24.87 percent in crime incidents between both years. There was a decrease of 41.03 percent in crime from the first six months of 2004 compared to the first six months of 2005. A comparison of the last six months for both years shows a decrease of 2.02 percent in campus crime.

A comparison of the first six month period and last six month period of 2004 indicates a decrease of 29.34 percent in crime incidents. In 2005 there was an increase of 15.86 percent in crime incidents in the second six month period. The remainders of incidents were non-crime responded to or incidents where no identified criminal activity was reported.

A comparison of these numbers show that in 2005, police responded to 31,168 non-crime incidents as compared to 2004, when there were 32,070 non-crime incidents (a decrease of 2.82 percent).

A six month comparison of non-crime incidents showed an increase of 2.73 percent in the first six month period of 2005 as compared to the first six months of 2004. A comparison of the last six months of 2004 to 2005 showed a decrease of 8.57 percent.

A look at the first six month period of 2004 to the last six months of 2004 showed a decrease of 2.43 percent. A look

at 2005 showed a 13.22 percent decrease in non-crime incidents from the first six months to the second six month period on the record.

A selection of non-crime calls included location checks, medical transports, escorts, non-medical transports, sick students and injured students. Overall, in the first six months of 2004 compared to the first six months of 2005 there was an increase by 15.21 percent.

A comparison of incidents the last six months of each year showed a decrease of 7.64 percent in 2005.

In looking at the first six months of 2004 compared to the last six months of 2004 the incident rate increased

by 4.78 percent in the second six month period.

In 2005 the difference was 17.75 percent higher in the first six months compared to the last six months. In addition to looking at crime and non-crime incidents, a look at fire alarm/fire-related incidents was performed. There were 262 fire alarm/fire-related incidents responded to in 2005. Of these 262 incidents, 83 (31.68 percent) resulted from cooking or smoke from cooking. These incidents accounted for 0.26 percent of all incidents responded to in 2005. Of these 83 incidents, 81 occurred in residential facilities.

This accounted for 34.62 percent of fire alarm/fire-related occurrences in residential facilities (or 30.92 percent of all fire alarm/fire related occurrences.) Fire drills accounted for 36.64 percent of all fire alarm/fire-related occurrences and 41.03 percent of this type occurred within the residential facilities.

Individuals can help reduce crime by taking steps to protect themselves. When leaving your room or home, lock your doors. If someone comes to your door, ask him to identify himself. If he says that he is there to do work, verify his claim with the company. You should look up the company's phone number in the phone book before calling to make sure you are contacting the company that he says he is representing.

Immediately report any suspicious activities or persons to the police or Campus Safety. Any delay in reporting may prevent the individuals from being identified. Walk in groups or use the on-campus escort program by calling Campus Safety. Do not leave personal items or property unattended in public areas.

Avoid placing personal information on the Internet. When you place information about yourself on the Internet you cannot control who will obtain that information or how they will use it. Therefore you should restrict the information you post and be cautious of to whom you give information.

By following these techniques you will reduce the chance of being a victim of burglary, robbery, assault, harassment and vandalism.

Lock your doors. If someone comes to your door ask them to identify themselves. If he says he is there to do work verify his claim with the company.



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